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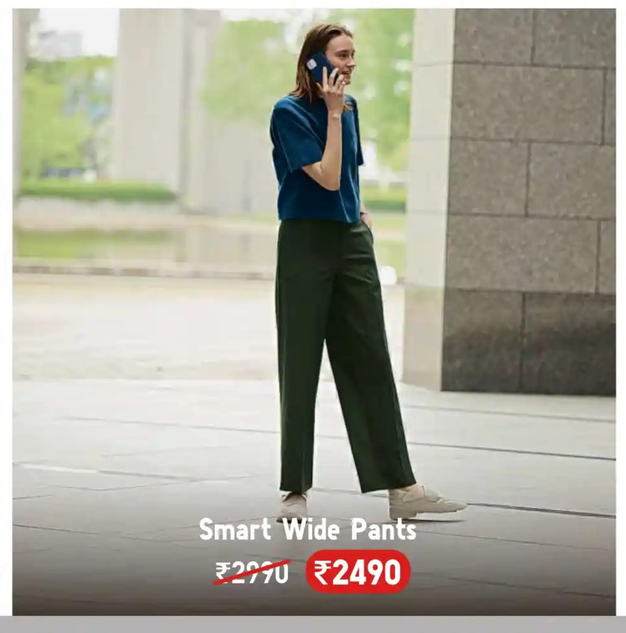

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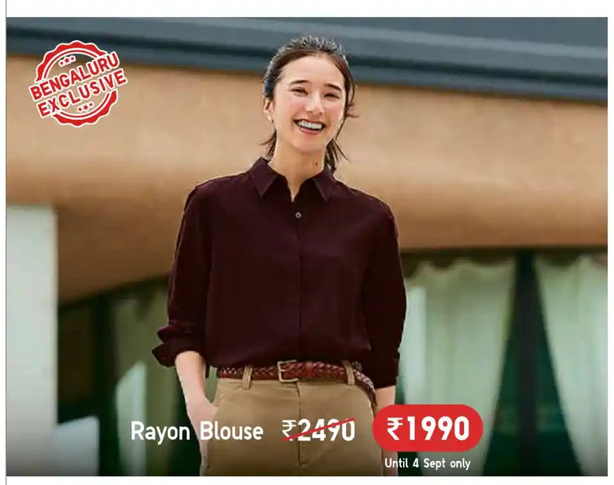

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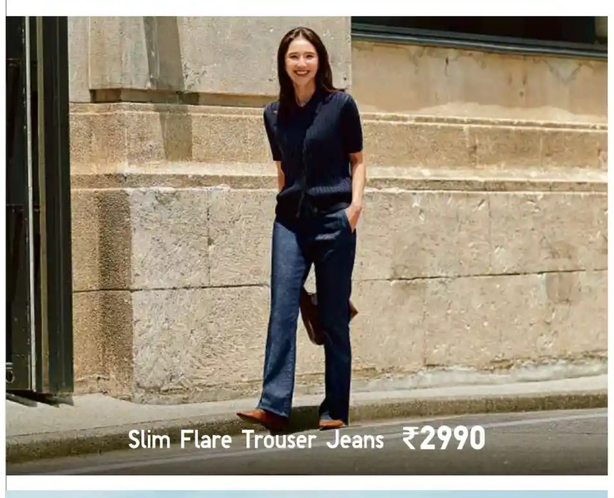

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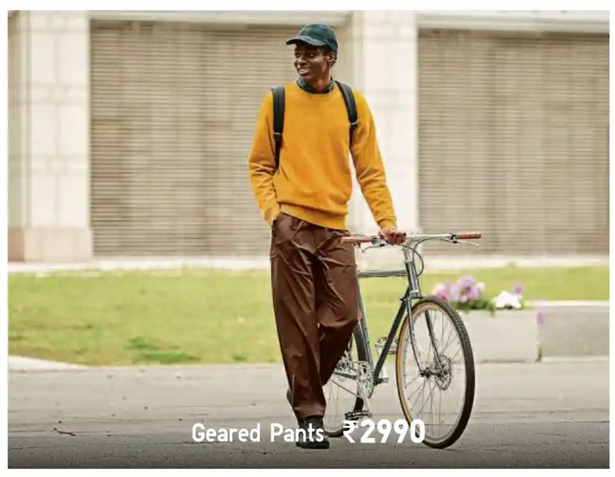

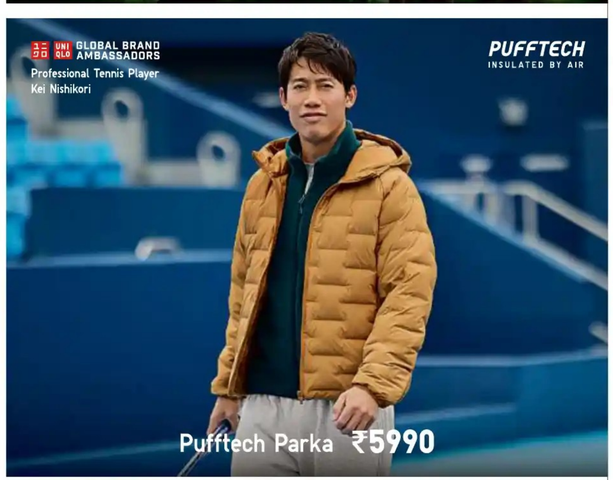

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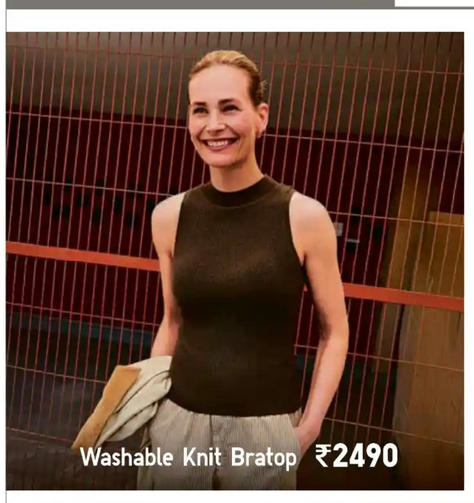

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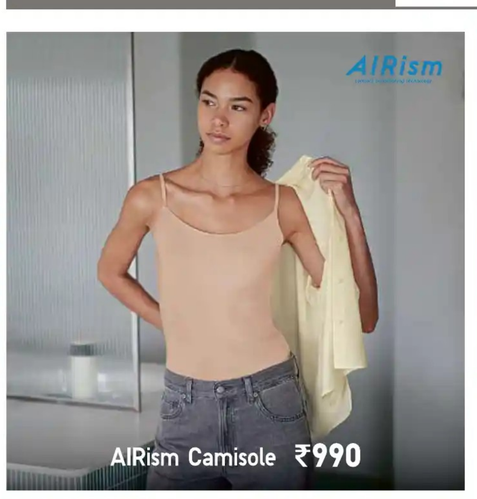

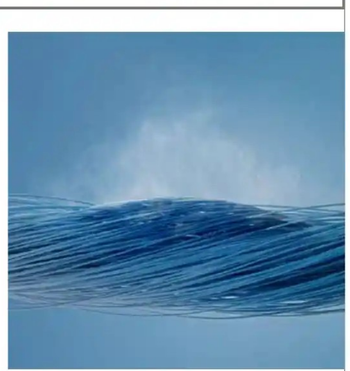

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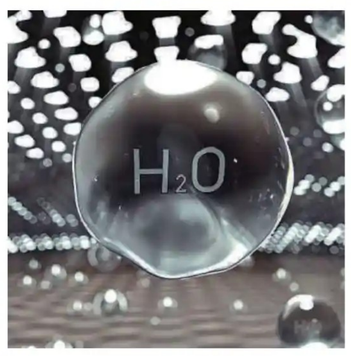

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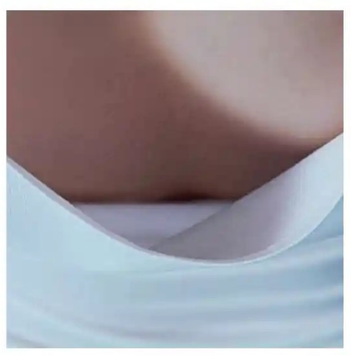

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Quickly

Mumbai building collapse: Toll hits 17, builder held

The toll in Mumbai building collapse has mounted to 17 on Thursday while the police arrested the builder on charges of culpable homicide not amounting to murder. Nine injured persons have been admitted to hospitals, of which six are said to be critical. The four-storied structure in Virar-East, collapsed on the intervening night of Tuesday and Wednesday.
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Class 9 girl delivers baby in school

A 9th standard student gave birth in the washroom of a government residential school in Yadgir district. While the incident came to light on Thursday, it is said to have happened on Wednesday. Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society's executive director has ordered suspension of the school principal, warden and two teachers.
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Guv can't act as 'super CM', TN tells SC

The Tamil Nadu government on Thursday told the Supreme Court that the Governor cannot have a dominating position over the state legislature, as it would be akin to having "two swords in the same scabbard" and making the holder of the constitutional office a "super CM".
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>
> **SCOTT BESSENT,** US Treasury Secretary

> Retaliation and negotiations cannot go hand-in-hand. Right now, the talks are only postponed, they have not been taken off the table
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> **OFFICIAL SOURCE**

'India hopeful of resuming trade talks with US'

Export promotion bodies seek support for diversifying markets, liquidity

NEW DELHI, DHNS

Workers stitch dresses at a garment manufacturing unit in Noida. REUTERS

India is hopeful of resuming the negotiations with the US on the proposed bilateral trade agreement even as Donald Trump administration implemented the additional 25% tariff on Thursday, said official sources.

"We are engaged. We feel that India and the US are complementary economies and both countries need to arrive at a deal," said an official, who requested not to be named.

The official said both tariff issues, 25% reciprocal tariff and 25% penalty for economic engagement with Russia, need to be resolved to take the trade agreement negotiations forward. "Retaliation and negotiations cannot go hand-in-hand. Right now, the talks are only postponed, they have not been taken off the table," the official added.

Amid the worsening trade ties, US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent has described the India-US relationship as "very complicated" but hoped that "at the end of the day, we will come together".

"This is a very complicated relationship. President (Donald) Trump or PM (Narendra) Modi have very good relationships at that level. And it's not just over the Russian oil," Bessent told Fox Business.

Meanwhile, representatives of different export promotion bodies met government officials to seek support in diversification of markets and liquidity. "The government is trying to speed up the rollout of the export promotion mission and expediting the e-commerce export hub scheme," an official said.

A delegation of the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) led by its President S C Ralhan met Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

Sitharaman reassured the delegation that the government stands firmly behind Indian exporters at this hour. *(With PTI inputs)*

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TN leather industry in dilemma

Leather goods manufacturers in Tamil Nadu, who account for 30% of the country's total leather exports to the US, are facing a major crisis as their US buyers are demanding heavy discounts on finished goods.
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Foreign students' visas on US radar

President Donald Trump's administration moved Thursday to impose stricter limits on how long foreign students and journalists can stay in the US, the latest bid to tighten legal immigration in the country.
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US tariffs may drag GDP growth below 6%

GYANENDRA KESHRI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

India's economic growth is likely to slip below 6% in 2025-26 and remain sluggish the following year also if the 50% US tariffs on Indian goods, which came into effect on Thursday, continue for the rest of the year, research agencies and analysts said.

BMI, a Fitch Group company, lowered its forecast on India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth by 20 basis points to 5.8% for the current financial year. In 2026-27, growth is likely to slip further to 5.4%.

Japanese brokerage firm Nomura has also cut its projection on India's economic growth for the current fiscal to 5.8% from its earlier forecast of 6.2%. If the 25% penalty tariff is lifted in three months, as per Nomura, India's GDP may grow by 6% in the current financial year.

Analysts warned that weaker exports will result in job losses and hit private investments.
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SIT set to expand investigation in Dharmasthala case

To look into Ugrappa panel report on suspicious deaths

DH EXCLUSIVE

NINA C GEORGE
BENGALURU, DHNS

The complainant-witness was recently arrested on charges of perjury.
DH FILE PHOTO

The probe into the Dharmasthala 'mass burial' case is set to expand, with the Special Investigation Team (SIT) gearing up to look into a 7-year-old panel report that had referred to several suspicious deaths of women and children in the vicinity of the temple town, sources said.

The SIT will also vet the FIRs registered elsewhere in Karnataka and neighbouring states such as Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Telangana and Goa about the "disappearance of pilgrims" visiting the temple town, the source told *DH*, dismissing reports that the arrest of the complainant would mean the end of the probe.

A panel formed to prevent sexual violence against women and girls and headed by former lawmaker VS Ugrappa had in 2018 submitted a 5,000-page report highlighting instances of women disappearing in the state, including in the temple town's vicinity.

The panel had recommended a special police force to trace missing women and girls and a special police cell for Belthangady Taluk, where the incidence of unnatural deaths is high. Dharmasthala falls in Belthangady Taluk.

The SIT is also looking at reports of "unexplained disappearances", if any, of pilgrims in Dharmasthala between 1995 and 2014.

According to sources, apart from the current complainant, there have been similar complaints about bodies involved in suspicious burials without proper autopsy. The SIT will look into them as well.

According to the SIT, the current complainant's narrative about mass killings and burials are not entirely false. They are now looking at expanding the probe besides continuing the search for bodies suspected to have been buried in the area. "We are awaiting forensic reports of some of the remains that we found while digging up several places," the source said.
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Complainant to be probed

The complainant will also be the subject of SIT probe because he had brought a skull with him when he walked into a court and falsely claimed that it was the skull of one of the victims. "The skull the masked man brought was nothing but a foreign object in the matter. Whose skull is it, where did he get it from and where are the other skeletal remains? This will be the subject of probe against him," sources confirmed. "We approached the court and proved that this artefact that he carried proved to be a lie. We want to know who gave him the skull and who is the gang operating behind this."

'Bid to impose ideologies': K'taka opposes UGC draft curriculum

BENGALURU, DHNS: Kautilya's Arthashastra, governance based on the Ram Rajya ideal, Subh-Labh concept, the philosophy about Parmanu and a book penned by VD Savarkar (elective subject) have found a place in the draft Learning Outcomes-based Curriculum Framework (LOCF) of the University Grants Commission (UGC), which the Congress-ruled Karnataka has opposed.

LOCFs will serve as guiding documents for universities and colleges for their curriculum revision.

Raising objections to the draft curriculum put on public domain by the UGC, Karnataka Higher Education Minister Dr MC Sudhakar said the Centre is trying to impose its ideologies on students. "No question of accepting the curriculum. UGC is a regulatory body and it cannot frame curriculum. The Board of Studies at the respective universities are authorised to frame the curriculum."
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Online gaming ban: K'taka mulls own law fearing revenue hit

DH SPECIAL

BHARATH JOSHI
BENGALURU, DHNS

INCOME WORRIES

- K'taka govt ready with draft law allowing 'games of skill'
- Firms will be required to have KYC, anti-money laundering compliance
- The govt, however, is proposing a ban on 'games of chance'
- Since 2017, K'taka earned Rs 1,157.22 cr under SGST on online gaming

> The Supreme Court is still adjudicating on whether online gaming is a state or central subject. Yet, the Centre rushed with this Bill. A ban isn't the solution.
>
> **PRIYANK KHARGE,** IT/BT Minister

Anticipating huge revenue losses due to the Centre's ban on online money games, the Congress-ruled Karnataka is looking at having a state-specific legislation under which the sector will be regulated instead of being banned.

Karnataka holds 30% of the online gaming market, IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge said, adding that the state will lose "a legal revenue stream" because of the federal ban on real-money games (RMG).

The Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill received President Droupadi Murmu's assent last week.

This federal law prohibits all forms of online money games.

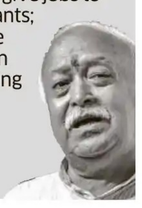
"The Supreme Court is still adjudicating on whether online gaming is a state or central subject. Yet, the Centre rushed with this Bill. A ban isn't the solution. We'll have this evaluated and discussed with the home department as well as the chief minister," Priyank told *DH* when asked about the government's plan to enact its own law.

Karnataka is ready with a draft law allowing 'games of skill' under a licensing regime that will require companies to have Know Your Customer (KYC) and anti-money laundering compliance.
▸ Online gaming , Page 6

Didn't suggest 'someone should retire' at 75: Bhagwat

SUMIT PANDE & AMRITA MADHUKALYA
NEW DELHI, DHNS

> Conversion and illegal migration are key reasons for demographic imbalance. We should not give jobs to illegal immigrants; we should give jobs to our own people, including Muslims
>
> **MOHAN BHAGWAT,** RSS chief



Ending speculation on the retirement of RSS and BJP leaders on attaining the age of 75 years, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Thursday clarified that he has "never said he is retiring nor suggested that someone should retire".

Fielding a host of questions at the end of the three-day lecture series in Delhi to mark the RSS centenary year, Bhagwat quipped, "We are ready to work as long as the RSS asks us to," indicating his recent comments at an event in Nagpur on the retirement of political leadership were taken out of context.

Both Bhagwat and Prime Minister Narendra Modi turn 75 next month, and political circles have been abuzz with discussions on the issue, especially with reference to the retirement plan that was handed out to LK Advani and MM Joshi after the BJP victory in the 2024 LS polls.

Bhagwat was candid in admitting that the Sangh and its affiliates can have difference of opinion, but each is free to take its own decisions.
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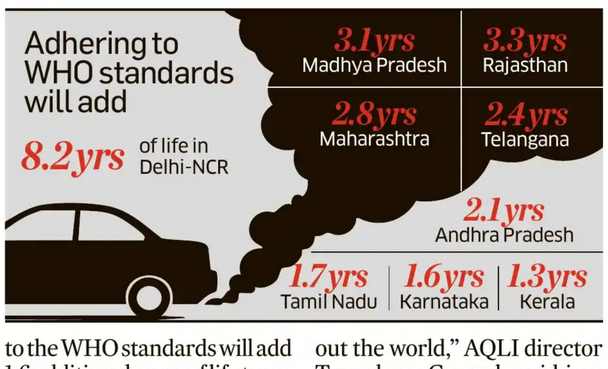
BIDDING ADIEU

An idol is immersed in an artificial pond during the visarjan after Ganesh Chaturthi in Mumbai on Thursday. PTI

Indian air 8-fold toxic than WHO norms: Study

KALYAN RAY
NEW DELHI, DHNS



Every Indian on an average breathes air that contains eight times more toxic particles compared to the World Health Organization's safe air quality level, according to a new set of air pollution data released on Thursday.

Exposure to such high levels of poisonous particles in air cuts the average life expectancy of Indians by 3.5 years. For the highly polluted Delhi, it means a loss of 8.2 years of life for each resident.

Compared to the northern plains, southern India is relatively better. But still, bringing down the level of air pollution to the WHO standards will add 1.6 additional years of life to everyone in Karnataka, says the Air Quality Life Index (AQLI) created by a global team led by the University of Chicago.

"Air pollution remains a top reason why people are living shorter lives throughout the world," AQLI director Tanushree Ganguly said in a statement.

The data is the result of an annual exercise based on satellite data and other tools. The present one captures the 2023 scenario.

All of India's 1.4 billion people, it shows, live in areas where the annual average particulate pollution level (PM2.5) exceeds the WHO safe standard of 5 micrograms per cubic metre.

This means even people living in the cleanest regions of India could live 9.4 months longer if particulate concentrations in these regions were reduced to the WHO standards.

PM2.5 is the most dangerous toxic particle that penetrates the lungs and enters the bloodstream. It is one of the two air quality indicators (along with PM10) of dust that are monitored. Almost 46% of India's population lives in areas that exceed India's own annual PM2.5 standard of 40 micrograms per cubic metre.

INTIMATE HEALTH

B'luru women embrace cosmetic gynaecology

DH SPECIAL

SNEHA RAMESH
BENGALURU, DHNS

Cost of procedures

- **Vaginoplasty:** Rs 67.5k to Rs 85k
- **Hymenoplasty:** Rs 35k to Rs 65k
- **Labiaplasty:** Rs 30k to Rs 1.2 lakh (depending on procedure)
- **Hoodectomy:** Rs 40k to Rs 1 lakh (depending on complexity)

The number of women seeking cosmetic gynaecology treatments in Bengaluru is rising. With an increase in awareness and accessibility to facilities, more women are seeking such treatments to enhance their confidence and improve their sexual life.

According to gynaecologists, most women take such treatments post childbirth. "After childbirth, the body changes and the muscles around the vaginal region loosen up. Owing to such changes, postpartum, the confidence among women is also low. Hence, we get the maximum number of cosmetology queries from new mothers," said Dr Sowmya K N, consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist at a private hospital in Kengeri.

Vaginoplasty, which is most sought after, is done to tighten and rejuvenate the vagina. "We are seeing a steady rise in cosmetic gynaecology, with women seeking it both for comfort after childbirth and for confidence in their intimate health. Procedures like labiaplasty, vaginoplasty and laser-based rejuvenation are in demand," said Dr Rajendra S Gujjalanavar, senior consultant and HOD-plastic surgery at a private hospital in Marathahalli.

Apart from vaginoplasty, the treatments that receive a large number of queries are hymenoplasty — reconstruction of the hymen for those who may wish to restore it — hoodectomy, where the clitoral hood is shortened, and labiaplasty which improves the appearance of the labia.

There are a few risks though. "Like other surgical procedures, these treatments come with the risk of infection, unexpected blood clots and scarring," said Dr Jyoti Kala, a consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist, adding that the procedures are not painful.

Doctors, however, advise that women should have realistic expectations and should be aware that with ageing and time, the impact of these treatments may reduce.

Bengaluru has best weather & talent, but fails on infra: Shaw

Says GBA has great opportunity to lift city to global standards

BENGALURU, DHNS

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw

Billionaire entrepreneur Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw on Thursday urged the state government and the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike to fix issues related to garbage and broken roads.

She expressed hope that the newly formed Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) could make a difference, but stressed the need for collective will.

Taking to X, she posted: "Namma Bengaluru has the best talent and the best weather but the worst infrastructure—if we fix garbage, debris, and roads, we can be among the best cities in the world. GBA has a great opportunity to do this. Let's use collective will to do this."

Responding, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said the government is working with purpose and urgency.

"With the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), we now have a unique opportunity to transform this vision into reality, and we will deliver. To the citizens, government, businesses, and civil society: this is the time to come together and shape a new chapter for Namma Bengaluru. The future is ours to build — together," he said.

Netizens, however, dismissed the assurances as "empty promises".

Chandrashekar M posted waterlogged images of Sarjapur Road, saying it floods within two hours of rain despite repeated visits by officials.

How are employees and residents expected to wade through two feet of water?

Another user wrote:

We only have a wishlist for Bengaluru. The government and bureaucracy don't have one. One look at the new Tumakuru bus terminus and KSRTC buses proves this state is in decline...

Raghavendra Rao pointed out that the government collects advance fees for solid waste services along with property tax, claiming over Rs 800 crore has been raised this year.

They don't pay these workers on time, while trash piles up everywhere, creating unhygienic conditions.

A year on, BBMP yet to fix defective Hoodi flyover

Locals say only temporary fixes have been made

BENGALURU, DHNS

Commuters at risk as Hoodi flyover awaits a permanent fix. DH PHOTO/NAVEEN MENEZES

Last September, the South Western Railway (SWR) had urged the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to fix the Hoodi flyover, having found serious defects.

One year has gone by, but the broken bearings remain unfixed, though the work's cost is just Rs 60 lakh. The civic body has also failed to install height bars to restrict heavy vehicles.

During routine checks, the SWR found four bearings of the railway overbridge — built in 2014 — damaged and wrote to the BBMP, custodian of the bridge, to repair them immediately.

DH had reported the issue last year.

Locals told *DH* on Thursday that only temporary fixes have been made. They fear the continued movement of heavy vehicles could worsen the damage.

Despite allocating Rs 39.50 crore for the repair and maintenance of flyovers, subways, and bridges, the BBMP has not set aside funds for the Hoodi flyover.

A source said that the delay may stem from the BBMP's reluctance to release money to the SWR, which may have to execute the repairs.

The railway overbridge connects ITPL Road with Ayyappanagar and nearby colonies and is also used by vehicles heading to Hosakote.

The bearings, partly made of rubber, provide cushion to the horizontal beams with vertical pillars. Over the years, they have torn and lost strength.

While there is no risk of bridge collapse, the damaged bearings could misalign the girders and endanger motorists.

BBMP engineers were unavailable for comment.

◆ IN THE CITY ◆

GENERAL

Juvenile Justice Board: Conference on Pocso Act; Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru, Justices Anu Shivaraman, KS Mudagal and Sunil Dutt Yadav and others; Karnataka Judicial Academy; 9.30 am.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India: Special conference; Princes Shine, Palace Grounds; 10 am.

Bangalore International Centre: Discussion on 'This is how I draw-Seven Ways to See the World'; Deepa B, Pankaj E, Oagin Nayam, Priya Kurien and Tejasvi Shivanand; BIC, Domlur; 6.30 pm.

CULTURAL

Swastik Youth Association: Music by Raghotham and team; Association premises, 5th Main, Milk Colony, Rajajinagar; 7.30 pm.

Bengaluru Advocates Friends Circle: Folk songs by Ramachandra Hadapad and team; Advocates Association, High Court Unit Hall-1; 1.30 pm.

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◆ CITY WEATHER ◆

FORECAST

Generally cloudy sky with one or two spells of rain or thundershowers

TEMPERATURES

Maximum	27.0°C
Minimum	20.0°C
Rainfall	4.9mm
Humidity	95%
Sunset (Aug 29)	6:33 pm
Sunrise (Aug 30)	6:08 am
Moonrise	10:00 am
Moonset	9:49 pm

(Relevant data recorded at 5.30 pm) Source: IMD

Australian vice consul visits Ondede; explores collaboration

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BENGALURU, DHNS

Australian Vice Consul Harriot White interacts with transgender rights activist Akkai Padmashali in Bengaluru. Akkai is also the founder of Ondede. DH PHOTO/PUSHKAR V

Harriet White, Vice Consul, Australian Consulate-General, Bengaluru, on Thursday visited Ondede, a city-based organisation working for the rights and well-being of the transgender community.

The visit aimed at understanding community issues and exploring collaboration.

Ondede founder Akkai Padmashali highlighted challenges such as social exclusion, discrimination, and lack of legal recognition for same-sex relationships. While the judiciary has shown support, she said the executive and legislature lag, creating a policy disconnect.

She explained how Ondede trains government officials and works with academia, civil society, and the judiciary to strengthen the LGBTQIA+ movement. Harriet expressed interest in specific collaborations with Ondede to support the transgender community.

Akkai also underlined Ondede's focus on working-class and non-English speaking transgender people, along with its coalition model that unites social movements for rights advocacy.

Mental health and skill development formed a major part of the discussions. Ondede runs a peer counselling programme by training community members and offers livelihood initiatives such as tailoring and mushroom cultivation to promote economic empowerment.

What the transgender community needs from the govt

- Five schemes guarantee
- Housing
- Pension scheme
- Freelance assignments
- Employment opportunities
- Free sex reassignment surgery & healthcare support
- Transgender census
- Dedicated office
- Project funding

Woman, son die as live wire hits clothes line

BENGALURU, DHNS: A woman and her son died after coming into contact with a live wire while drying clothes on the outskirts of Bengaluru on Tuesday. The incident occurred in Karanala village near Doddaballapura.

The deceased are Lalithamma (50) and her stepson Sanjay (45), a farmer. Lalithamma's stepdaughter, Lakshmamma, was injured and admitted to hospital.

The police said that Lalithamma had hung clothes on a wire tied to iron poles outside their house. An electric wire from an adjacent under-construction house had come in contact with one of the poles.

As Lalithamma reached out to take her clothes, she was electrocuted and died on the spot.

Sanjay, who rushed to help her, also died, while Lakshmamma sustained injuries.

The jurisdictional police, along with Bescom officials, later disconnected the power supply.

An inquiry has been ordered to establish the cause, police said.

Husband arrested over techie's death; family alleges dowry harassment

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Sudduguntepalya police have arrested a 38-year-old man after his wife was found dead at their home in southeast Bengaluru, the police said on Thursday.

The suspect is Praveen, a former software engineer who, as per the FIR, quit his job a year after marrying Shilpa B Panchangamatha (27) and began selling pani puri. The couple has a 1-year-and-10-month-old son.

The police registered a case under Section 80 (dowry death) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and relevant sections of the Dowry Prohibition Act.

The FIR, filed on August 27, followed a complaint by Shilpa's mother, Sharada B Panchangamatha.

Sharada told the police that Shilpa, also a software engineer with a city-based firm until the birth of her child, married Praveen from Koppal in 2022. The families had agreed to the match as both were working in the IT sector.

"The wedding expenses were around Rs 35 lakh, and the groom was given 150 grams of gold ornaments as dowry. A year after the wedding, Praveen quit his job and began selling pani puri at BTM Layout," the FIR quoted Sharada as saying.

"After the wedding, Praveen and his mother, Shantavva, tortured my daughter physically and mentally for more money. Shantavva even told my daughter she was not the right match and that they would get him remarried if she left. Once, I had to send my daughter back with Rs 5 lakh cash," the FIR added.

On August 26, around 9.15 pm, the family was informed that Shilpa had died by suicide at their house in BTM 1st Stage.

Her body was found on the bed in her room, covered with a bedsheet.

Foul play suspected

Speaking to the media, one of Shilpa's relatives questioned the circumstances of her death.

"If she had died by suicide, then how did they remove her body before the police arrived, and why did they first claim it was a heart attack? It is a pre-planned murder. She was also one-and-a-half months pregnant," the relative alleged.

One of Shilpa's sisters also alleged foul play.

"Her mother-in-law used to body shame her frequently. They have murdered her. They are lying that it was death by suicide. She was also being tortured frequently," Soumya told reporters.

BDA to auction 75 sites in developed layouts

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) has put up 75 developed sites for sale through e-auction.

This is in addition to the 122 sites it had identified for sale about 10 days ago, taking the total to 197.

The last date to apply for the e-auction is September 6. Site details and locations are available on the BDA website. Live bidding will be held on September 8 and 9.

The sites are spread across HSR Layout 4th Sector, HAL 2nd Stage, Arkavathy 7th Block, Anjanapura 10th Block, Hemmigepura, UM Kaval, Thanisandra, Rachenahalli, Banashankari 5th Stage.

The BDA usually auctions sites from older layouts, either recovered from encroachment or after winning legal disputes.

Conditions for participation include a refundable deposit of Rs 4 lakh, a minimum bid raise in multiples of Rs 500 per square metre, and sites offered strictly on an as-is-where-is basis.

Earlier, the BDA had notified 122 sites for e-auction, but did not disclose their locations by August 25, the last date to register. This may affect participation in the bidding, held from August 28 to 30.

KIA bags award for accessibility features

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) has become the first airport in India to receive Level 2 Accreditation under the Airports Council International (ACI) Accessibility Enhancement Accreditation (AEA) programme.

The AEA programme benchmarks and advances accessibility in aviation, assessing airports on facilities, services, governance, and continuous improvements that embed accessibility into policies and passenger experiences.

"This recognition highlights the KIA's commitment to building a truly inclusive travel environment — where infrastructure, technology, and human touch come together to empower every traveller," KIA said in a statement.

The KIA has set up a dedicated accessibility committee, comprising airport stakeholders, to guide initiatives that improve facilities, services, and mobility solutions for Persons with Reduced Mobility (PRMs) and Persons with Disability (PWDs). Staff are trained to provide empathetic and personalised assistance, supported by ongoing infrastructure upgrades.

"We are honoured to be awarded the Level 2 Accreditation under ACI's Airport Accessibility Enhancement programme. At KIA, accessibility is not just a measure of infrastructure, but a reflection of our belief that travel should be inclusive, seamless, and experiential for every passenger," said Satyaki Raghunath, Chief Operating Officer, Bangalore International Airport Ltd.

Traffic curbs for St Mary's Feast celebrations

BENGALURU, DHNS: In view of the annual feast and chariot procession of St Mary's Basilica on Friday, in the limits of the Shivajinagar traffic police station, the traffic police has put in place a slew of restrictions from 3 pm to 9 pm to ensure smooth flow of vehicular movement.

Vehicular movement from Jyoti Café, Broadway Road to Russell Market will be prohibited. The Dharmaraja temple street towards Russell Market Taj Circle will be closed.

Vehicles, including BMTC buses, from BRV Junction on Cubbon Road and from Balekundri Circle to the Shivajinagar bus stand will be halted from 2 pm onwards.

BMTC buses moving from Anil Kumble Junction must take a left turn at BRV Junction and proceed via CTO-Queen's Circle-MG Road. Two-wheelers can take a right at BRV Central Street and proceed via Safina Plaza towards Kamaraj Road.

Two-wheelers can also proceed via BRV Central Street towards VSN Road via Ramada Hotel.

Parking is prohibited in the surroundings of Russell Market, Broadway Road, Meenakshi Koil Street, Central Street, Shivajinagar Road, Cunningham Road from Balekundri Circle to Chandrika Hotel Junction, Union Street, Infantry Road, Cubbon Road, Hospital Road, Lady Curzon Road, VSN Road, MG Road, and Ramada Hotel rear side (old Congress office).

Commuters can park in the Kamaraj Road parking lot opposite the Army School, Main Guard Cross Road opposite Safina Plaza, Jasma Bhavan Road, RBANMS ground (Gangadhar Chetty Road) and near the orphanage on Dickenson Road (next to Hasanath College).

IMD issues yellow alert for Bengaluru today

BENGALURU, DHNS: Bengaluru experienced heavy rains and thunderstorms on Thursday, with the southern part of the city, including areas like Gandhi Nagar, BTM Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, and Jayanagar, witnessing flooding and traffic jams.

Areas such as South End Circle towards RV Teacher Junction, Dommasandra towards Kodathi Gate, Sony World Junction towards Srinivagilu Junction, and Wipro Junction towards Amrutha Bakery were waterlogged and reported slow-moving traffic, according to officers with the Bengaluru Traffic Police.

Other affected areas included Bilekahalli Junction towards GD Mara Junction, both sides of the Marathalli bridge, Kaikondahalli, and Iblur towards Bellandur. The waterlogging resulted in traffic congestion, which made commuting challenging.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a yellow alert for Bengaluru for Friday. Additionally, light scattered rain is expected from August 30 to September 3, with an average maximum temperature of 29°C and a minimum temperature of 21°C.

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Over 2.19 lakh Ganesha idols immersed in BBMP limits

BENGALURU, DHNS

Over 2.19 lakh Ganesha idols were immersed in mobile tankers and kalyanis set up across lakes within the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) limits.

Most immersions took place in the South zone, followed by West and East.

The BBMP had readied 41 lakes and 489 temporary tanks for the immersion.

BBMP Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao said that necessary arrangements were made across the city.

"We had communicated against immersing idols made of Plaster of Paris (POP), but there were instances of people bringing them. We cannot stop them outright as it is a sensitive issue, but will seek an explanation," he said.

Devotees immerse Ganesha idols a day after the Gowri-Ganesha festival at Sankey Tank, on Thursday. DH PHOTO/KISHOR KUMAR BOLAR

City police ban liquor sales

To ensure the peaceful conduct of mass idol immersion and procession, the Bengaluru city has ordered a ban on the sale of liquor in multiple police station limits across the city.

The order, issued by Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh, cites concerns over potential disturbances to law and order under the influence of alcohol.

Valmiki scam: ED attaches assets worth Rs 5 cr

Rs 89.63 cr illegally diverted from corpn's account to 18 fake accounts

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has provisionally attached assets worth Rs 5 crore under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in connection with the alleged scam at the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Limited (KMVSTDCL).

In a statement released on Wednesday, the agency said that the attached assets belonged to Nekkenti Nagaraj, Chandra Mohan, Golapalli Kishore Reddy, Etakeri Satyanarayana and First Finance Credit Cooperative Bank Limited.

The ED stated that Nagaraj was the personal assistant of former Congress minister B Nagendra, who was arrested last year by the Central agency, and Satyanarayana was the legislator's key aide.

"The attached immovable properties are in the form of land and flats worth Rs 4.45 crore belonging to Nekkenti Nagaraj, Chandra Mohan, Golapalli Kishore Reddy, Etakeri Satyanarayana, and movable property is in the form of bank accounts to the extent of Rs 50 Lakh (approx.) in First Finance Credit Cooperative Bank Limited," according to ED's statement.

The ED initiated an investigation based on FIRs registered by the Karnataka Police and the CBI after the suicide of KMVSTDCL employee Chandrashekhar on May 26, 2024. It was alleged that the accused persons illegally transferred the money from the account of the KMVSTDCL and misappropriated the funds with the intent to cheat and defraud the Corporation of public money amounting to Rs 89.63 crore by forging the valuable securities and documents.

"ED investigation revealed that KMVSTDCL's account was transferred to a new fraudulently opened account at the MG Road branch of Union Bank of India in collusion with bank officials. Subsequently, funds from other accounts and the treasury were pooled into this account. From the pooled funds, an amount of Rs 89.63 crore was diverted from this fraudulently opened Corporation's account to 18 fake bank accounts opened with First Finance Credit Cooperative Bank Limited in Hyderabad, in connivance with the bank's Chairman," the agency said.

"The diverted funds were then layered through fictitious and shell accounts, with cash and bullion distributed among the accused. Further investigation by the ED uncovered that a significant portion of these funds was used in the general elections. Additionally, luxury vehicles, including a Lamborghini, were bought using proceeds from the scam. These facts were corroborated by the accommodation entry providers, bullion traders, gift card traders and luxury car dealers," it added.

The agency said that the Proceeds of Crime acquired by the accused out of the siphoning off funds from the account of the Corporation have been utilised by them for personal purposes. "Therefore, properties in the form of immovable properties and amount available in the bank accounts of accused persons/ entities, to the extent of Rs 5 crore (approx.) have been attached vide PAO No.22/2025. Further investigation is in progress," the ED said.

Minimum wages: Talks fail as mngts reject draft note

Wage proposals 'too steep', say employers

BENGALURU, DHNS:

The labour department's tripartite meeting to revise minimum wages in the state failed to reach a consensus between unions and managements on Thursday, as the latter rejected the very idea of a common draft notification.

The discussion was a continuation of the minimum wages advisory board meeting on July 29.

The 27-member board has equal (9 each) representation from government, labour unions and managements.

While labour unions welcomed the draft notification "in principle," the managements rejected the wage proposals in the draft as "too steep". The government will take a final call on the issue.

The draft had proposed a minimum wage of Rs 23,410 for unskilled workers in zone 1 (Greater Bengaluru area).

Sources explained that employers may approach the principal secretary and the labour minister for further discussions on the matter. PHOTO FOR REPRESENTATION.

While it proposed three zones (zone 1, 2 and 3), it also divided workers into four categories - highly skilled, skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled.

Vasuki K N from the Karnataka Employers' Association (KEA) contended that the common notification for 84 scheduled employments "violates" Article 14 of the Constitution.

Explaining that there would be differences in minimum wages amongst other states (Karnataka's minimum wage will be the highest if the draft is accepted), Vasuki insisted that implementing the Reptakos Brett guidelines of the Supreme Court was "not mandatory".

Karnataka State Hotels Association's G K Shetty felt minimum wages were "unnecessary" in the hotel sector, as hotel owners provide food, clothing and housing.

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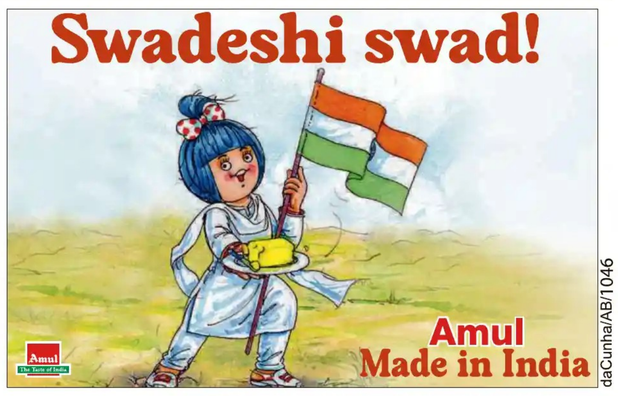
Despite its "in-principle" agreement, the Joint Committee of Trade Unions (JCTU) proposed three suggestions to the government.

Firstly, they explained that the food, shelter and clothing aspect should comprise 55% of the minimum wage, while the miscellaneous costs (20%) and children's education costs (25%) should be the remaining 45% of the overall minimum wage.

Pointing out that the government had calculated 45% of only the food, shelter and clothing part for miscellaneous and children's education costs, the JCTU urged the government to correct this "error".

The JCTU urged the government to consider 2,700 calories (food requirement) for one unit (male - 1 unit, female - 0.8 unit, children - 0.6) instead of 2,400 calories, while calculating wages. It also urged the government to factor in 8% inflation as the price data was collected in November 2023.

Centre of Indian Trade Unions state general secretary Meenakshi Sundaram batted for higher minimum wages, arguing that both labour and capital migrate to states with high minimum wages.



Drive for organ donation by RGUHS staff, students today

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) has planned a organ donation campaign for students and staff.

The move follows the growing demand for organ donation in the country. Faculty members will pledge their organs at an event organised on the university campus on Friday.

"Thousands of patients wait in hope for transplants. In 2024, India performed 17,000-18,000 organ transplants. But it is too low, given that the country requires nearly 2 lakh organs a year," said Dr Bhagavan B C, the VC.

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No objection to Banu Mushtaq inaugurating Dasara: HDK

BENGALURU, DHNS: Union Minister H D Kumaraswamy on Thursday said that he had no objection to Booker Prize winner Banu Mushtaq inaugurating Mysuru Dasara, a stand that deviates from his alliance partner BJP.

Kumaraswamy told reporters here that his objection was for the statement by Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar who stated that Goddess Chamundi was not just the property of Hindus. "I have no objection to choosing Banu Mushtaq. But saying that temples are not just the property of Hindus is arrogance and that will cause big damage to the government," he opined.

Meanwhile, his son and JD(S) youth leader Nikhil Kumaraswamy has stated that the party has objections to Mushtaq's reservations on Kannadambe and other issues related to culture.

"We respect her and it is not that she should not inaugurate Dasara. Earlier, Nityotsava poet Nisar Ahmed had inaugurated (Dasara). Our only objection is for the reservations she has towards Kannadambe and other issues related to culture," Nikhil added.

Reacting to the Dharmastala issue, Union Minister H D Kumaraswamy criticised the SIT probe as drama enacted by Congress government.

"The way the CM reacted to the case in the beginning itself by taking action on the first complaint, by constituting SIT was an insult to Dharmasthala. The government is doing drama in the name of SIT," he said.

He said Siddaramaiah had acted against the complaint filed by one Dwarakanath, because of pressure from people with leftist ideology.

Visit to Chamundi temple will fulfil my pending vow: Writer

HASSAN, DHNS: International Booker Prize winner Banu Mushtaq has said that her visit to Sri Chamundeshwari Devi temple was pending and the opportunity to inaugurate Mysuru Dasara will help her fulfil a vow.

Banu Mushtaq

"One of my writer friends in Mysuru had prayed to Goddess Chamundeshwari, when my name was nominated for the Booker Prize and took a vow of visiting the place, if I won. Later, I had been to Mysuru to participate in the Mysuru Literature Festival. My friend told me that we will go to Chamundi Hill and fulfill the vow. As there was a shortage of time, I could not go then. Now, Goddess Chamundeshwari has called me", she said.

Earlier, Banu had said, "I will not talk about the controversy. Crores of Kannadigas are giving so much love. Why should I respond to the negativity of a few people? I don't think it is necessary. There should be opposition and ruling parties in politics. But politicians should know which issue to politicise.,"

In response to a video clip being circulated against her, Banu said, that was on keeping Muslim writers away at Haveri Sahitya Sammelana. "I expressed my voice for the minorities, Dalits and women. Everyone understood the point. I had said that you have treated it emotionally, instead of using Kannada as a language. You have made it into a goddess and kept her on the throne. Then we can just fold our hands. When you consider Kannada as a language, we have to read it. Do not question the language. We should use it as our language".

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Should colleges have a dress code?

A city college recently faced backlash over rules around student attire, and cancelling campus elections

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A campaign opposing Mount Carmel College's student dress code has sparked debate over whether the rules amount to moral policing and curtailment of freedom of expression.

The campaign was shared on the Instagram page of Collective Bangalore. While it claims the dress code is "new", the college principal previously told *DH* that it has long been in place. The rules ban flip-flops, cargo pants, coloured hair, and round or V-neck T-shirts, and require boys to keep their hair groomed. The campaign also highlights restricted movement on campus and the cancellation of student elections as part of the new policies.

Three students from the college told *Metrolife* they have faced uncomfortable checks at the campus gate. A first-year female student said she and her friends are often "pulled up for wearing printed tees". She recalled being sent home once for wearing pants with pockets, and on another occasion, for wearing a sleeveless blouse, even though she had a shirt over it.

Once an all-girls institution, the college now admits male students. Commenting on the dress code, a first-year male student said such rules create "unwanted fear among girls and make them feel unsafe around boys". He also finds the norms arbitrary, and adds, "I have long hair but am constantly told to cut it."

Faculty and administrators across city institutions are divided on the need for dress codes, such as the one implemented at Mount Carmel College. DH FILE PHOTO

'A necessity'

Faculty and administrators across institutions remain divided on the need for dress codes.

Joshua Samuel, principal of Baldwin Methodist College, said his institution has had a dress code for over a decade, and students generally comply without complaint. BBA and BCA students wear uniforms, while others are expected to dress "well". "Torn jeans or attire with skulls or profane language (printed on them) is not allowed," he said. The aim, he explained, is to promote decency and equality, not to police fashion.

Y C Kamala, associate professor with Government First Grade College, Malleswaram, described a dress code as a "necessity" during college hours. "Between 10 am and 5 pm, the focus should be on learning," she reasoned. While acknowledging that "decency" is subjective, she believes not all students between the ages of 19 and 21 approach clothing choices with maturity. "In a truly mature society, dress codes wouldn't matter. But at this age, some boundaries help," she said. Kamala emphasised that such rules should be communicated at the time of admission, allowing students to make an informed decision about whether they want to join the college.

Venugopal K R, former principal of University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering, supports dress codes, especially uniforms. "They reduce disparities between rich and poor. In private colleges, fashionable and expensive clothes often reflect status," he said. He described decency as an exercise in moderation, arguing that "like lab overalls, moderate attire in classrooms promotes focus and discipline".

'Don't impose unilaterally'

S Japhet, former vice-chancellor of Bengaluru Central University, opposes dress codes in principle, particularly in women's colleges. "Dress is a form of self-expression. To restrict it in the name of 'decency' is problematic because ideas of decency are subjective," he said.

While he agrees that a basic code can help reduce visible economic differences, he argued that dress codes should not be imposed unilaterally. "Any decision on dress codes should be made democratically, in consultation with students, parents, and even alumni. Otherwise, it becomes moral policing," he noted. Japhet also warned that rigid restrictions, such as those seen during the hijab ban controversy, risk infringement of fundamental freedoms.

A journalism professor said that codes of conduct should prioritise justice and safety, not attire. "Most rules, based on vague ideas of 'decency', become tools for micromanagement," she said. Over-policing, she added, breeds mistrust among students.

Rolla Das, assistant professor at a private university, echoed this view. "What started as a way to ensure uniformity and professionalism now often serves as a tool for surveillance and control, enforcing veiled patriarchy, particularly affecting marginalised groups like religious and gender minorities."

Arbitrary dress codes, she argued, "undermine the core values of higher education: inclusivity, equity, and creative expression."

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Plane sight

Heard about BJP leader Anurag Thakur's interaction with students earlier this week? He asked them who the first space traveller was. "Neil Armstrong," the kids said. "I think it was Hanumanji," he shot back, pleased that he had got the right answer. Now, the one caught in a quandary is the teacher. Should she mark the students right or wrong when they match the mythical imagination of Thakur? And will she become anti-national if she marks certain answers wrong? Another leader, Shivraj Chouhan, said India was the first to fly airplanes. Remember the pushpaka vimana? Our past is truly glorious, no doubt. A small doubt. Did we also have leaders in those days mistakenly opening emergency exits?

EVENTS

Music by the ghats
'Ganga Maiya', a performance by Esperanto Music Project, will be held on August 31, 11 am, at Bangalore International Centre, Domlur. The performance was inspired by the river Ganga and the ghats of Varanasi. To RSVP, visit bangaloreinternationalcentre.org.

Makeup workshop
Theatre makeup artiste Ramakrishna Kannarpady will conduct a seven-day workshop on makeup from September 1 to 7, 6 pm to 8 pm, at Balaji Vidyaniketan, Hanumantha Nagar. Contact 98458 25217 for details.

Writing fiction
'Mythology and Contemporary India', a session on writing fiction, will be held on August 31, 4 pm, at Atta Galatta, Indiranagar. Author Nitya Neelakantan will be in conversation with Prakyath Rai and Nitesh Singh. Details on @attagalatta on Instagram.

Expert guide: What to know before flying drones

Two men were recently booked for piloting an unauthorised drone near the High Court

BARKHA KUMARI
TEAM METROLIFE

The Vidhana Soudha police booked two men for flying an unauthorised drone near the footpath of the Karnataka High Court on the night of August 18. The men were reportedly trying to capture the illuminated Vidhana Soudha, which stands opposite the High Court, from a better angle. They were later released on station bail.

Drone regulations, experts say, depend on two factors: the machine's weight, and where it is flown. Drones under 250 gm, categorised as nano drones, don't require a licence, but must still be registered on the Directorate General of Civil Aviation's (DGCA) DigitalSky online platform. "These can be flown only up to 120 metres," says Ashwath Salunke of Fly India Drones, which conducts drone workshops at schools, colleges, corporate offices and defence establishments.

Becoming a licensed pilot requires training at a DGCA-approved academy, akin to a driving school. The licence costs between Rs 35,000 and Rs 65,000. The cost is a deterrent for many and is a reason for widespread unauthorised use of drones, notes Srihari Karanth, a DGCA-certified drone pilot and photographer. Applicants must be between 18 and 65 years of age and have passed Class 10.

The DigitalSky platform categorises Indian airspace into green, yellow and red zones. Green zones are areas beyond 12 km of airports, where drones can be flown up to 120 metres without prior permission. "But one must still watch out for red zones within green zones," cautions Ashwini Gadve, a drone instructor at Aerophile Academy, J P Nagar. Red zones are strict no-fly areas unless specifically exempted for government or special projects. These can include areas within 5 km of airports, up to 25 km from international borders, defence bases such as Yelahanka and Jalahalli, and high-security locations like the Vidhana Soudha. The sites for rallies or political events can be marked as "temporary red zones" on DigitalSky for up to 96 hours, she adds.

Yellow zones fall within 5-12 km of airports: the inner ring (5-8 km) requires permission from both the concerned Air Traffic Control (ATC) authority and DGCA, while the outer ring (8-12 km) requires clearance from ATC and the local police. In both, the flying height is capped at 60 metres.

DGCA approvals can take up to a week, Karanth says. He suggests an alternate portal where drone pilots could apply directly to jurisdictional police to film events on short notice, such as a victory march.

Technology adds another layer of checks. DJI, the most widely used drone brand, comes with built-in geofencing that "locks" drones from taking off in red zones like airports, points out Salunke.

Look up digitalsky.dgca.gov.in/airspace-map

Fly India Drones conducted a drone training workshop for students of an aerodrome club at a college in Yelahanka about a month ago.

LAW
According to Suman Pennekar, deputy commissioner of police (intelligence), one can be booked under sections 207, 287 and 329 of the BNS (Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita). These pertain to disobeying public order, negligent acts and criminal trespass. "These are bailable sections," she says.

This weekend, a musical featuring songs of Queen

The two-hour show is in support of local charities including orphanages and destitute homes

RASHMI RAJAGOPAL
TEAM METROLIFE

This weekend, a Bengaluru-based group, will stage a popular jukebox musical featuring the songs of British rock band Queen. Titled 'We will rock you', the two-hour show is directed by Leila Alvares, who has been presenting musicals through her non-profit, Cause Foundation, for the last 28 years.

"To be honest, this musical was not my first choice. However, some of the actors I have been working with over the years are fans of the British band. I thought it would be a good way to appeal to the younger audience through their music," says Leila.

The play is a departure from the classics that Leila usually picks for her annual productions. Previously, she has presented musicals such as 'Joseph and the amazing technicolor dreamcoat', 'Fiddler on the roof', 'The Addams family', 'Grease' and 'My fair lady'. 'We will rock you' is a more recent play — the original West End production was first staged in 2002 and wrapped up in 2014. It briefly returned to the West End stage in 2023. The original is expected to make a comeback in 2026, so licences will not be given out from next year. "We thought it was the best time to present it here," she shares.

The story is set 300 years in the future in an Orwellian society, where there is tight control over free speech, individuality and differences. The concept of rock music simply does not exist. When a rebel group called the Bohemians begins to resist control, the ruling corporation does its best to clamp down on them. The scenes will be brought alive through LED projections featuring hand-painted settings.

Around 20 of Queen's most popular songs — from 'Another one bites the dust' and 'Killer queen' to 'We will rock you' and 'We are the champions' will be performed. Most of the songs have been shortened to cut down on time, while some, like 'Another one bites the dust' will be presented in their original length. The cast, featuring Rahael Thomas, Samiksha Chawla, Deepa Jacob, Kieren Alvares Lynn and Prem Koshy, will be accompanied by a live band led by Aashish Paul.

August 30, 7.15 pm, and August 31, 11.15 am and 7.15 pm, at Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Vyalikaval. September 6, 7.15 pm at MLR Convention Centre, Whitefield. Tickets online.

The cast will perform around 20 of Queen's most popular songs.

Photo show spotlights India's facial diversity

The Bangalore International Centre (BIC), Domlur, is hosting an exhibition showcasing India's facial diversity.

Titled 'Faces', the show is on view until August 31, 11 am to 8 pm. Guided walkthroughs will be held daily at 6 pm. "It's the first nationwide archive that maps India's facial diversity alongside the many ways people live and work across the nation," said Kanika Gupta of People's Archive of Rural India (PARI), which is behind the initiative.

She added that mainstream media "often reduces India to familiar stereotypes; a handful of looks tied to broad regions". In contrast, the show features portraits spanning the country, "from farmers in Kerala to artisans in Nagaland, tea workers in Assam and shepherds in Rajasthan".

On the sidelines of the show, a panel discussion titled 'Growing India's Food: Crisis and Struggle' will be held on August 30 at 6.30 pm. On August 31 at 4 pm, a film titled 'Punishing the Professor' will be screened. It traces the life of Dr P Senrayaperumal, a Dalit hereditary performer-turned-academic.

These events are part of the 'Everyday FACES of Everyday People' series, presented in collaboration with PARI.

Entry free. Visit bangaloreinternationalcentre.org for details.

Cuisines of Karnataka contest on Sunday

Freedom Healthy Cooking Oil will present Season 4 of the cooking challenge 'Cuisines of Karnataka', on August 31 at Lulu Mall, Rajajinagar, 9.30 am onwards.

It is an initiative by *Deccan Herald* and *Prajavani*.

Participants must bring one home-cooked dish from the cuisines of Karnataka by 9.30 am. Celebrity chef and TV host Oggarane Dabbi Murali, along with his wife Suchithra, will judge the contest. They will also hold a masterclass on cooking. The event is open to the general public.

The contest is supported by Indane, TTK Prestige, Bhima Jewellers, Lays, and will be held in association with SBI Card, Vencobb Chicken, and Eco Crystal Water Treatment.

To participate, scan the QR code or call 73380 18541 for details.

Aug 29-31: Show featuring self-taught artists

'Medley 3', an art exhibition featuring three self-taught artists — Atoshi Shyam, KT Arun, Deepak Joshi — opens today. Atoshi, also a contemporary dancer, will present her works that capture movement through colour, while Arun will showcase his bold and colourful series titled 'Prayers of dragonflies'. Joshi's paintings capture magnolias in varying shades from subtle pink and white to bold red. *August 29-31, 11 am to 7 pm, at Alliance Francaise, Vasanth Nagar. For details, call 98861 00208.*

City-based home businesses gear up for Onam

Their offerings feature hyperlocal flavours from places like Palakkad and Kottayam

TINI SARA ANIEN
TEAM METROLIFE

With Onam a week away, home-based businesses in Bengaluru are flooded with orders for the festive feast, known as Thiruvonam sadya or Onasadya.

Kottayam spread

Mercy Philip, founder of Asher's Kitchen, a home-based venture on Sarjapur Road, is offering a 31-dish sadya. "Our sadya is rooted in the traditions of Kottayam," she says.

The spread includes aviyal (dish with mixed vegetables and coconut), kalan (yoghurt-based curry), pachadi (a savoury dish), sambar, rasam, plantain chips, chakka (jackfruit) chips, sharkkara varatti (fried banana in jaggery syrup), inji puli (ginger-tamarind relish) and pickles. Desserts feature parippu payasam and palada payasam.

This season, Mercy is seeing brisk orders from both young professionals and families.

Bookings are open until September 2. WhatsApp to 70191 40265.

Classics from the state

Rehana Ismail's sadya will boast 18 classics from across Kerala. These include inji puli, mango pickle, beetroot pachadi, pineapple pachadi, sambar, rasam and cabbage thoran. Desserts will include ada payasam and chakkara payasam.

"Extra payasam can be ordered at an additional cost," says the Hennur-based chef.

"Most of my customers last year were family and friends. Almost all of them have returned with repeat orders. Seeing the response, I have opened bookings for more people this year," adds Rehana.

Accepting orders until September 2. Call 95355 55005.

Utharadam sadya

Kalavara, a home-based kitchen in B Narayanapura, is preparing Uthradam sadya. Onam is a 10-day festival and this sadya is served on the ninth day, which falls on September 4 this year.

While the Thiruvonam sadya is more elaborate, the Uthradam spread is a simpler version.

"We serve about 10 items, including koottu curry (a semi-dry mix of vegetables), mulaga pachadi (green chillies in tamarind and jaggery sauce), vadukapali pickle (made from large, sour lemon), and two payasams — palada and wheat pradaman. It is a proper Palakkad-style sadya, which means we don't use garlic," says Usha Vasudevan, who runs the kitchen along with Malathi Murali and Devi Rajan.

Bookings are open until August 30. Call 63620 59246.

A sadya by Hennur-based home chef Rehana Ismail (right).

Kathakali, Kodava folk dance at NGMA

National Gallery of Modern Art (Bengaluru) will host a kathakali performance on their premises on Palace Road on August 29, 7 pm. Guru Kalanilayam Vasudevan and troupe will present an episode from the 'Mahabharata', depicting Arjuna's encounter with Shiva in disguise as a forest dweller. On August 30, 7 pm, Peenya Dasarahalli Kodava Samaja will stage a Kodava folk dance performance. *Contact 080 2234 2338 for details.*

Online gaming ban: HC to hear plea tomorrow

AMBARISH B
BENGALRUU, DHNS

The Karnataka high court is likely to hear on August 30, a petition challenging the constitutional validity of the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025. The President had accorded assent to the new legislation on August 22.

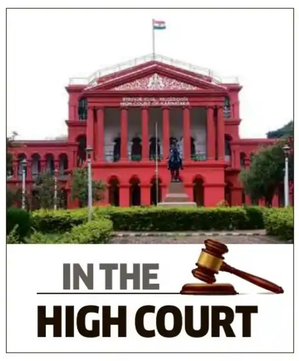
The petition is filed by Head Digital Works Private Limited, New Delhi, which operates the gaming application and website A23.

The petition challenged Sections 2(1)(g), 5, 6, 7, and 9 of the Act.

On Thursday, senior advocates Aryama Sundaram and Dhyan Chinnappa mentioned the filing of the petition before Justice B M Shyam Prasad. The court indicated that it would be listed on Saturday.

According to the petition, Section 2(1)(g) of the Act attempts to blur the distinction between games of skill and games of chance in defining "online money game," a distinction recognised under the Constitution.

The petitioners claimed that this disregard is an arbitrary action. The definition was deemed overbroad, encompassing all online games



involving monetary stakes, the petition said.

The petition said that Section 5 prohibits offering online money games and services. This invariably restricts the petitioner from practising their profession and violates their rights.

In addition, Section 6 bans advertising related to online money games, specifically skill-based games, infringing on the right to free speech under Article 19(1)(a) and the right to promote one's own legitimate business under Article 19(1)(g) of the constitution, the petition stated.

The petition said that the legislation was enacted without prior consultation with sector stakeholders with millions engaged in online gaming. Imposing an immediate prohibition on the industry is manifestly arbitrary, the petitioners said.

The petitioners claimed that legislation is a sudden policy reversal.

The petition said that recently online gaming was recognised as part of the "digital economy."

Among the other initiatives were GST measures on online gaming, interactions between the Prime Minister and notable gamers, the creation of an Inter-Ministerial Task Force to regulate and promote the sector and support for start-ups under the 'Digital India' and 'Startup India' programmes, the petition said.

Illegal betting: Cong MLA's ED custody extended

BENGALURU, DHNS: A Bengaluru court on Thursday has extended the Enforcement Directorate's custody of Congress MLA K C Veerendra Puppy by six more days in connection with alleged illegal online and offline betting.

Puppy, the legislator from Chitradurga, was produced before the Special Court for MP/MLA in Bengaluru after his ED custody for five days ended.

The ED had sought a 14-day custody extension, claiming that Puppy, the key suspect, wasn't cooperating with the probe. Puppy, however, claimed that he was being mistreated by the ED officials in the custody, sources said.

Puppy was arrested by the ED officers in Gangtok, Sikkim, last week and brought to Bengaluru following large-scale raids at 31 locations linked to him and his associates.

The ED had recovered Rs 12 crore in cash, including Rs one crore in foreign currency. The agency has claimed that searches indicated a complex layering of cash and other funds. "Search has revealed that the accused is running several online betting sites in the name of King567, Raja567, etc. Further, the brother KC Thippeswamy of the accused is operating three business entities from Dubai, viz, Diamond Softech, TRS Technologies, and Prime9Technologies, related to the call centre services and gaming business of KC Veerendra Puppy," the ED said in an official statement.

The ED investigators also recovered gold jewellery worth Rs 6 crore, silver articles weighing approximately 10 kg. Four vehicles were also impounded under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002."Further, 17 bank accounts and two bank lockers were also frozen. Many properties' related documents were also seized from the premises of the brother, KC Nagaraj and his son, Pruthvi N Raj," the ED said.

Centre undermining gram sabhas' forest rights: Activists

BENGALURU, DHNS: Adivasi organisations, gram sabhas and activists across the country have come together to oppose the Centre's move to dilute the powers of the gram sabhas and undoing the rights conferred by the Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006.

In a letter to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) Secretary Vibhu Nayar, they said the Guidelines for Conservation, Management and Sustainable use of Community Forest Resources (CFR) issued by MoTA, which replaced the CFR Management Guidelines, 2015, has undermined the rights of gram sabhas.

"The 2015 guidelines explicitly established the CFRs as a new category of forests, reinstated the authority of gram sabha to govern and manage the CFRs. However, the new guidelines issued in 2023 contravene this core idea by undermining the institutional authority of gram Sabha and its democratic governance framework. The CFR rights-based management and conservation envisaged under FRA is now made into a state scheme with arbitrary vesting of overarching powers in the hands of state government and bureaucracy," they said.

'Undue interference'

They pointed to several sections in the new guidelines and said the "bureaucratic overreach into the functions of gram sabha" by giving powers to panchayat secretary and forest department amounts to undue interference.

They also criticised the joint advisory issued for implementation of the guidelines by the MoTA and Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change. "This too vests overarching powers in the forest department in the matters of CFR management and conservation," the letter said, urging them to withdraw the 2023 guidelines and reinstate the 2015 one.

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Hubballi, the 28th July, 2025

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1	Construction of Road Over Bridge (ROB) in lieu of LC No.10 at km 16/100-200 with Limited Height Subway between Chikkabanavar and Golhalli of Bangalore city – Sampige Road Section.	Soladevanahalli	Yelahanka	Bangalore
2	Construction of Road Over Bridge (ROB) in lieu of LC No.11 at km 17/439 with Limited Height Subway between Chikkabanavar and Golhalli of Bangalore city – Sampige Road Section.	Tarabanahalli	Yelahanka	Bangalore
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5	Construction of Road Over Bridge along with subway in lieu of LC No. 15 at km: 25/400-500 between Amritapura - Chitradurga stations.	Haliyuru & Manangi	Chitradurga	Chitradurga

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Dasara & Dharmasthala: Cong on the backfoot as BJP gears up to badger govt

Congress leaders, even those in govt, put up a meek defence

BHARATH JOSHI
BENGALURU, DHNS

The BJP is leaving no stone unturned to gain an advantage in the ideological war against the ruling Congress following back-to-back controversies - the investigation of alleged muss murders at Dharmasthala and the inauguration of the Mysuru Dasara.

The current situation bears resemblance with the time when, under the previous BJP government, issues such as the hijab helped Congress consolidate its support base.

On September 1, the BJP has planned a huge rally at Dharmasthala to amp up its narrative that the Congress and its ideological allies are "anti-Hindu".

This comes after the government's special investigation team (SIT) ended up arresting, for perjury, a man who claimed to have buried bodies at the temple town.

When several exhumations failed to find anything that could corroborate the claims, an emboldened BJP unleased an attack on the Congress for contributing to the tarnishing of Dharmasthala's image. In fact, Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar's statement that a "big conspiracy" had been hatched against the temple town fueled the saffron fire.

Even before the Dharmasthala dust settled, the BJP found another bat to lash Congress: the government's decision to invite Booker Prize winner Banu Mushtaq, a Muslim, to inaugurate the Mysuru Dasara festival. Mushtaq's 2023 comments criticising the worship of the Kannada language as Goddess Bhuvaneshwari were widely circulated on social media.

Plus, Shivakumar's statement that "Chamundi Hills and Goddess Chamundeshwari (the reigning deity of Mysuru) are not Hindu properties" has riled up the saffron brigade.

On both issues - the Dharmasthala fallout and Dasara - Congress leaders, even those in government, have put up a meek defence. For example, the government has said that the Mysuru Dasara was a cultural event and not a religious one.

"Congress hasn't diverted from its ideological path. It's just that the BJP is trying to take advantage of that," political analyst Harish Ramaswamy says.

"As it is, the BJP has enough to argue against the Congress, which has made many blunders such as price hikes. Congress is headed towards a difficult election next," he adds.

Political strategist Venkatesh Thogarighatta says the BJP has the tactical advantage.

"In balancing between consolidation of Ahinda (minorities, backward classes and Dalits) and countering the BJP's Hindutva ideology, the Congress' strategy gets confusing," he says, adding that inviting Mushtaq to inaugurate Dasara was "a tactical error".

Government Chief Whip Saleem Ahmed defended Mushtaq inaugurating Dasara. "Did BJP have a problem when K S Nisar Ahmed inaugurated Dasara? We take the chief minister to Idgah during Ramzan. Is that wrong? Banu Mushtaq is a Kannadiga who won the Booker Prize. Is the BJP anti-women?" he asked.

JD(S) plans its own march to D'sthala

BENGALURU, DHNS: The JD(S) is taking out a separate rally in support of Dharmasthala- 'Dharmasthala Sathya Yatre'- on August 31.

The rally will be flagged off from a designated place in Hassan district.

Party's youth leader Nikhil Kumaraswamy announced this on Thursday.

He said, "Our rally is in support of Dharmasthala and against the people who are conspiring against the temple town".

Nikhil said, during the rally, party leaders will meet Dharmadhikari Veerendra Heggade and extend their support to him.

"Dharmasthala has crores of devotees and I am one of them. There is an organised conspiracy against the pilgrimage place," he said.

The youth leader demanded that the investigation into the case be handed over to NIA.

Nikhil said, "The government has formed SIT in a hurry and is insulting Dharmasthala continuously. We have seen some people conspiring against the temple town. The case must be handed over to NIA for a fair investigation".

Letter to I&B minister

Nikhil Kumaraswamy has written to Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Ashwini Vaishnaw, requesting him to take necessary action to remove false and defamatory reports/videos against Dharmasthala on news media and online portals.

In the letter, Nikhil said, "Over the past weeks, national, international news agencies and online portals have circulated sensational and unverified claims about 'mass burials' and even created fictitious characters like 'Ananya Bhat'. Following this, I request you to direct immediate removal of such misleading content on national and international portals, news media and online platforms".

He has requested to strengthen the monitoring mechanism to prevent AI-generated videos and fabricated allegations from being circulated, particularly against religious and cultural institutions of national importance.

Apologise for 'hurting Hindu sentiments', Ashoka tells Shivakumar

Invite Deepa Bhasthi along with Banu Mushtaq to open Dasara: BYV

BENGALURU, DHNS

A political storm has erupted after Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar said that the Chamundeshwari temple atop Chamundi Hill in Mysuru does not belong exclusively to Hindus.

BJP leaders strongly condemned the remark, accusing the Congress government of deliberately hurting Hindu sentiments and appeasing minority groups for political gain. They demanded an immediate apology from the deputy CM to the Hindu community.

At a press conference, leader of the Opposition R Ashoka said the ruling Congress was humiliating Hindus — from Dharmasthala to Chamundi Hill — and questioned whether such statements implied that the Hill might be handed over to the Waqf Board or if a church or tomb would come up there.

Ashoka drew attention to the Mysuru Wadiyars' long tradition of worshipping Chamundeshwari as their family deity. He criticised the government's decision to invite writer Banu Mushtaq to inaugurate Dasara, questioning as to how 'those who mocked state deity Bhuvaneshwari Devi and the turmeric, vermilion representation of the red and yellow colours in the Kannada flag' could now be welcomed to worship the goddess.

BJP state president B Y Vijayendra also demanded an apology from Shivakumar, calling his comments a grave insult, designed to please the Gandhi family.

Vijayendra asserted that Chamundi Hill was historically and spiritually a Hindu space and flayed the Congress for insulting Hindu beliefs.

He criticised Shivakumar's plan to erect a 115-foot statue of Jesus Christ near Ramanagar as vote-bank politics.

Vijayendra said Deepa Bhasthi, co-winner of Booker Prize for translating Banu Mushtaq's Kannada work into English, should also have been invited to inaugurate Dasara, along with Mushtaq.

He demanded a thorough and time-bound investigation by SIT, NIA or CBI to nail those spreading misinformation about Dharmasthala, condemning the government for 'arresting Hindus over social media posts'.

Project for transparency, accountability in water resource mgmt

BENGALURU, DHNS: The government is set to introduce a Digital Water Stack (DWS) project that uses satellite data and Artificial Intelligence (AI) to enhance transparency and accountability in the management of water resources, Minor Irrigation, Science and Technology Minister N S Boseraju announced on Thursday.

According to a statement from the minor irrigation department, in the first phase, the project will be implemented in 41 taluks that face excessive groundwater extraction. The statement said the Karnataka Tank Conservation and Development Authority will play a central role in the project. Under the DWS framework, the authority will ensure that lakes and tanks across the state are mapped, monitored and managed effectively.

Connectivity goes haywire as bridges go under rainwater in Kalyana Karnataka districts

BENGALURU, DHNS

The intensifying monsoon covered many parts of the state on Thursday, including the Kalyana Karnataka region and the Malnad districts of Kodagu and Chikkamagaluru.

In the Kalyana Karnataka region, the rain was so heavy that a portion of the wall of the historic Bahamani Fort in Bidar collapsed.

There were rains through Wednesday night and Thursday, causing many bridges to flood and disrupting traffic, in the districts of Bidar and Kalaburagi.

The showers disrupted normal life in Chittapur, Wadi and Chincholi of Kalaburagi district. Around 20 bridges in Bidar district are flooded due to discharge of water due to heavy rain in Maharashtra and Telangana.

The Chimmegaon-Chirki Thanda bridge in Kamalnagar taluk has been completely washed away. Four bridges in Aurad taluk are damaged.

A car got stuck in the water while crossing the bridge near Dabaka in Aurad taluk.

Locals managed to pull out the car to safety, using a rope. In Kohinoor limits of Basavakalyan taluk, canal water entered agriculture fields. A holiday was declared for anganwadi centres, schools and colleges in the district on Thursday.

The South Central Railway has cancelled the daily DEMU train services between Bidar and Kalaburagi on Friday, as a precautionary measure.

Water entered offices and settlements, including the tahsildar office in Jewargi. The taluk received 149.5 mm of rainfall till Thursday morning.

The bridge connecting to Jewargi-Gounalli village has been submerged as a nearby canal overflowed. A total of 21 houses collapsed in the taluk and 21 sheep drowned in rainwater in Andola village.

Rainwater entered Kollur village in Chittapur taluk, creating chaos. The gram panchayat office was flooded with rainwater, damaging computers, photocopying machines and documents.

Electric bulbs worth Rs 4 lakh, which were kept in the storeroom, have been damaged due to the rainwater.

Houses and roads were flooded in rainwater in Yargol village of Yadgir district, throwing life out of gear for humans and cattle alike. There were reports of livestock being washed away. Crop loss was reported in many parts of KK region.

In Chikkamagaluru district, Mudigere, Aldur, Kottigehara, Koppa, Kalasa, Narasimharajapura and Tarikere areas received heavy rains. Chikkamagaluru city too witnessed heavy rains.

Even though the rains took a break after lashing heavily in the morning, they returned in full force by the evening.

Kodagu district has been receiving showers since Wednesday night. Rains lashed Madikeri, Suntikoppa and Virajpet. The Sampaje ghat too saw heavy rains.

Mudslide

A mudslide was reported near Shaktinagar, which connects Madikeri and Virajpet.

The public, especially students, faced trouble owing to the incessant rains.

The Met department has sounded orange alert in the district till Friday morning.

A portion of the wall of the historic Bahamani fort collapsed due to heavy rain in Bidar on Thursday.
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Chimmegaon and Chirki Thanda villages in Kamalnagar taluk of Bidar district were cut off from each other as the bridge connecting them was completely washed away in flood water.

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‘Bid to impose ideologies’: K’taka opposes UGC draft curriculum

It’s a regulatory body, cannot frame curriculum: Minister

BENGALURU, DHNS

Kautilya’s Arthashastra, governance based on the Ram Rajya ideal, Subh-Labh concept, the philosophy about Parmanu and a book penned by VD Savarkar (elective subject) have found a place in the draft Learning Outcomes-based Curriculum Framework (LOCF) of the University Grants Commission (UGC), which the Congress-ruled Karnataka has opposed.

UGC has drafted the LOCF for nine subjects—anthropology, chemistry, home science, mathematics, physical education and political science. The draft curriculum also includes teaching of concepts such as panchanga (Indian calendar and almanac) and how it determines muhurtas (auspicious time) for rituals and festivals.

LOCFs of different subjects will serve as guiding documents for universities and colleges for their curriculum revision in line with the National Education Policy (NEP 2020).

The proposed course blends astronomy and astrology, philosophy, mythology and culture. It also covers ancient observatories, the prime meridian of Ujjain, and how Vedic time units of Ghatis and Vighatis compare with modern systems like Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

Raising objections to the draft curriculum put on public domain by the UGC, Karnataka Higher Education Minister Dr M C Sudhakar said the Union government is trying to impose its ideologies on students. Making the state government’s stand clear, Sudhakar said: “No question of accepting the curriculum. UGC is a regulatory body and it cannot frame curriculum. The Board of Studies at the respective universities are authorised to frame the curriculum.”

The minister said the Karnataka State Higher Education Council will constitute an expert committee to study the draft curriculum released by the UGC, before submitting its objections officially. “We do not know why the UGC is interfering in everything. It is a regulatory body and it should know its limitations. UGC has the right to set a broader framework but not the curriculum,” the minister said.

The recent attempts by the UGC clearly showed that the Union government was trying to take control over education, he said, adding that in the federal system, education being a concurrent subject, the Union government cannot do it. “We will not allow BJP to impose its agenda on children through the education system,” he said.

Recalling the previous instance wherein the UGC issued draft regulations which included provisions to take away from state governments the power to appoint vice chancellors, the minister said: “We were the first to oppose the draft regulations by UGC. Later, even the BJP’s alliance partners opposed it and I think it got stopped. Now they are making another attempt, through the curriculum.”

Key points of framework

- Chemistry starts with a salutation to Saraswati
- Commerce curriculum suggests to teach Kautilya’s Arthshastra.
- V D Savarkar’s Indian War of Independence has found a place in the reading list for the course on Bharatiya Struggle for Independence
- The objectives include exploring the foundational contributions of Indian mathematicians to arithmetic, geometry, algebra, and calculus, and analysing key mathematical concepts and techniques developed in India and their applications.
- ‘Bhartiya philosophy’ will be added in commerce education.
- Concepts like ‘Ram Rajya’ can be explored in the context of corporate social responsibility (CSR) and contemporary environmental, social, and governance (ESG) frameworks.
- In chemistry, in a module on “Chemistry of Alcoholic Beverages”, traditional Indian fermented beverages and preparation methods for kanji, mahua, toddy and chemical reactions involved in the conversion of sugars to ethanol during fermentation will be taught.
- Chemistry will have a brief idea of ancient Indian Knowledge of Parmanu.
- LOCF for political science proposes 20 four-credit DSC courses, including Tradition of Political Thinking in Bharat”, which introduces students to Vedic traditions, Jain and Buddhist literature, political ideas in the Upanishads, Ramayana, Mahabharata, Thirukkural, as well as the works of Bhasa, Kalidasa, and Kalhana.

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Somanna bows out of 2029 polls amid buzz on change of guard in state BJP

Not quitting active politics, clarifies union minister

BENGALURU, DHNS

Union Minister of State for Railways and Jal Shakti V Somanna announced on Thursday that he will not contest the upcoming Lok Sabha elections from Tumkur, putting to rest speculation over his candidature from the constituency.

Somanna’s announcement comes amid growing buzz within BJP circles that he is being considered as a potential replacement for the current state party president B Y Vijayendra as part of a broader strategy to revamp the party’s leadership, ahead of the 2028 Assembly and 2029 parliamentary elections.

His decision to withdraw from the race has only intensified the speculation, although no official confirmation has been made.

Speaking to reporters, Somanna clarified that his move should not be interpreted as an exit from active politics.

V SOMANNA
Union Minister of State for Railways

“I will not be contesting from Tumkur, but that does not mean I am stepping away from politics.

“I will not be contesting from Tumkur, but that does not mean I am stepping away from politics,” he asserted.

A veteran leader with decades of experience in state politics, the minister is regarded as a strong organisational force.

He has connections with important social and religious communities, including Veerashaiva-Lingayat mutts and Vokkaliga seers. BJP sources argue that if he is made the state party president, it will be a smart move by the party to balance caste and regional calculations.

Class 9 student delivers baby in school washroom

KALABURAGI, DHNS

A Class 9 student gave birth to a baby boy in the washroom of the government residential school in Shahapur of Yadgir district. The incident came to light on Thursday though it happened Wednesday afternoon. Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society Executive Director Kantharaju has ordered suspension of the school principal, warden, science, physical education teachers.

Karnataka State Child Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights member Shashidhar Kosambe has directed the officials to submit a report after lodging a complaint in this regard.

Both girl student and child have been admitted to Shahapur Government Hospital. Stating that the officials concerned did not bring it to the notice of the Commission, Kosambe said that the suo motu complaint has been lodged against the school principal Basamma, warden Geetha, science teacher Narasimha Murthy and physical education teacher Sridhar apart from the rape accused. The brother of the girl is also booked for not revealing the incident.

“The health condition of both girl and baby is good and they are undergoing treatment in the government hospital. The officials and principal did not inform us about the incident. We came to know about the incident only from other sources. We have also given direction to the district child protection officer to submit a detailed report. There is no information about the child marriage in this case”, Kosambe said.

Meanwhile, the school principal Basamma claimed that she did not notice any symptoms of the pregnancy and the girl had remained absent for many days since the start of the school in June.

“I assumed office as principal last month. The girl’s birth certificate shows that her age is 17 years and 8 months. She started attending the class from August 5 and remained absent for many days citing headache and other illness. We were surprised after she gave birth to the baby. Her parents are not willing to speak despite we contacted them several times”, Basamma said.

SEP implementation is unlikely this academic year

BENGALURU, DHNS: The recommendations of the State Education Policy (SEP) Commission are unlikely to be implemented from the present academic year.

Higher Education Minister Dr MC Sudhakar on Thursday said that both Higher Education and School Education and Literacy departments have to submit a consolidated report on the recommendations to the government before it is placed in the Cabinet.

“The report has several volumes of 400 to 500 pages and it is not possible for the Cabinet to study it. Hence both School Education and Higher Education departments have been asked to form an expert committee to submit a consolidated report on the recommendations,” Sudhakar said.

Meanwhile, Sudhakar stated that as far as higher education is concerned, the recommendations made in the interim report have been already implemented. “In higher education, it is only improvements we need to look at, because a majority of recommendations have been implemented as per the interim report,” he said.

The state government has extended the Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programme to 68 government degree colleges as against the 43 colleges selected last year.

For this purpose the department of Higher Education has entered into a partnership with the Board of Apprenticeship Training. This year the students do not have to pay a fee of Rs 5,000. Around 2,700 students have enrolled for these programmes this year.

Dr M C SUDHAKAR
Higher Education Minister

“In higher education, it is only improvements we need to look at, because a majority of recommendations have been implemented as per the interim report,

BC panel allows suggestions to caste list till September 1

BENGALURU, DHNS: The Backward Classes Commission has extended the deadline for submitting suggestions on castes or sub-castes that may have been left out to September 1 (5 pm).

The commission had announced on August 22 that suggestions should be submitted within seven days. Citizens can send their inputs to kscbcb@gmail.com. The commission will conduct a social and educational survey (caste census) from September 22 to October 7 (during the Dasara holidays). This will be the second such exercise, the first having been carried out by the H Kantharaj-led commission in 2015.

Meanwhile, leaders of the Muslim community met on Thursday to deliberate on the upcoming survey. Muslims are classified under Category 2B of the backward classes.

Housing and Waqf Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan, Municipal Administration Minister Rahim Khan, Chief Whip in the Legislative Council Saleem Ahmed and others attended the meeting.

6 killed after bus hits autos, pedestrians

MANGALURU, DHNS

Six people, including a five -year-old child, were killed and two others were injured after a Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) bus, speeding towards Mangaluru, rammed into two autorickshaws and bystanders near Talapady Cross on NH 66 in Manjeshwar police station limits in Kasaragod district in Kerala on Thursday.

The deceased have been identified as autorickshaw driver Hyder Ali (47), Khadeeja (60), her sister Nafeesa (52), her daughter Ayisha Fida (19) and Nafeesa’s niece Hasna (05), all from Ajjinadka in Kotekar and Avamma (72) of Farangipete, Mangaluru.

The injured pedestrians were identified as Laxmi (61) and Surendra (39) both from Perumbala in Kasaragod. All five members of the family were on their way to a relative’s house in Kunjathur, Manjeshwar.

According to police sources, the accident took place at around 1 pm. The driver of the bus, identified as Nijalingappa Chalavadi, drove on the flyover instead of taking the service road and rammed the vehicle into an autorickshaw carrying four passengers.

After the accident, Nijalingappa jumped from the bus and took to his heels. Without control, the bus begun moving in the reverse direction and knocked down two bystanders, before hitting another autorickshaw.

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ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಮಹಾವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ಇವರು ಅರ್ಹ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರು, ಉತ್ಪಾದಕರು, ಅಧೀಕೃತ ಏಜೆಂಟ್ಸ್ ಮತ್ತು ಅಧಿಕೃತ ವಿತರಕರಿಂದ ಕೆ.ಎಂ.ಸಿ. & ಆರ್.ಐ. ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಗೆ ಅವಶ್ಯವಿರುವ **Surgical Oncology** ವಿಭಾಗ ಮತ್ತು **Urology** ವಿಭಾಗದ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಉಪಕರಣಗಳನ್ನು ಪೂರೈಸುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪೂರೈಕೆ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1999 ಶಾಸನ 2000 ಅನ್ವಯ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪ್ರೊಸೆಸಿಂಗ್ ಶುಲ್ಕ ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನ **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಯು ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣ ನೀಡದೇ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರವನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- (ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು),
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಮಹಾವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ.

ನಗರಸಭಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಹೂಟಗಳ್ಳಿ
ಎಸ್.ಆರ್.ಎಸ್. ಸ್ಟೇಷನ್ ಎದುರು, ಹೈಟೆನ್ಷನ್ ಜೋಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಹೂಟಗಳ್ಳಿ, ಮೈಸೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ-570018.
ಸಹಾಯವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 0821-2001737, E-Mail: ka.hootagalli.cmc@gmail.com
Website : http://www.hootagallicity.mrc.gov.in

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ನಸಹೂ/ತಾ.ಶಾ./ಸ.ಅ./ಪಿ.ಆರ್-06/2025-26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 26.08.2025

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಹೂಟಗಳ್ಳಿ ನಗರಸಭೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಎಸ್.ಬಿ.ಎಂ.2ರ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಮತ್ತು ನಗರಸಭೆಯ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿಯಡಿ ನಗರಸಭೆಯ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು ಕೆ.ಟಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ. ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ-02 ಮತ್ತು ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ-03ರ ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು **kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. **(1) DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT47793, ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.73.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು, ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.1,24,000/-**
(2) DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT48202 ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.50.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು, ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.84,700/- ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10.09.2025 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ,** ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 12.09.2025, ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ.** ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.1ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ಡನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ :18.09.2025, ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಶಾಖೆಯ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಅಂಗೀಕರಿಸುವ ಅಥವಾ ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ನಗರಸಭೆ ಕಾಯ್ದಿರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು
ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಹೂಟಗಳ್ಳಿ

ವಾಸಾಸಂ೨/ಮೈಸೂರು/ತಿರಡಿಸಾಯಿ/863/2025-26

Through Humanity to Peace
INDIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY
(Constituted Under Parliament Act XV of 1920)
District Branch Belagavi. Phone No: 0831-2450071 E-mail: ircsddrcbgm@gmail.com

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Deputy Commissioner & District Magistrate, Belagavi.	Chief Executive Officer Zilla Panchayat, Belagavi.	Shri Rahul Shinde, IAS Chief Executive Officer Zilla Panchayat, Belagavi.

No: IRCS/DBB/PN/2025-26/26 **Date: 28-08-2025**

PRESS NOTE

As per the order of the **Hon’ble Deputy Commissioner, Belagavi and the President, Indian Red Cross Society, Belagavi,** the **Annual General Meeting of the Society held on 13-06-2025,** Elections are being held to Constitute the **Executive Committee for the period 2025-2028** and the Draft Voter’s list available in the office of the Society is hereby brought to the notice of all members on the Website: **https://belagavi.nic.in/en/indian-red-cross-society-belagavi.** If there are any objections to this, they should register in the organization’s e-mail or submitted in the organization office by **5.30 PM on 29-09-2025**. It is here by informed that objections received after that will not be accepted.
Society’s Address: District Disability Rehabilitation Center, Opposite to Maternity Ward, BIMS Hospital Premises, Belagavi. Phone No: 0831-2450071, E-mail: ircsddrcbgm@gmail.com

Sd/- Dr. Siddu Hulloli
Election Officer
Indian Red Cross Society, Belagavi and CAO, BIMS, Belagavi.

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No. KSIC/PR/SWF/RTNDR/AMC-E JACQUARD/03/2025-26 Date: 25.07.2025

RE-Tender Notification
(Through KPP Portal only)

TENDER is invited through KPP Portal from reputed persons/firms for Annual Maintenance Contract for 10 Nos of Electronic Jacquards 1056 Hooks fitted on looms at KSIC, Silk Weaving Factory, Mysuru and 10 Nos of Electronic Jacquards 256 Hooks at KSIC, Composite Silk Weaving Factory, Mysuru.

Tender documents, details of the Notification, schedule terms & conditions can be downloaded from https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Last date and time for uploading the tender along with the **EMD of Rs. 10,700/-** through KPP Portal is **11.09.2025 up to 03.00 P.M.** The Technical bids will be opened on **12.09.2025 at 03.30 P.M.** Further details can be had from the office of the undersigned during working hours or KPP Portal helpdesk-080-46010000 and 080-68948777.

Sd/-
GENERAL MANAGER (Proc)

DIPR/CP/2026/AKAR/2025-26

US tariffs may drag GDP growth below 6%

GDP, from Page 1

However, the proposed reforms in the goods and services tax (GST) are likely to cushion the economy by boosting domestic consumption and demands.

"US reciprocal tariffs on Indian goods rose to 50% on August 27, and we have revised down our FY2025/26 and FY2026/27 GDP forecasts by 0.2 percentage points each," BMI said.

"On the flipside, the GST reform mooted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi will boost private consumption once it takes effect, likely in October," it added.

In his address on Independence Day, Modi promised to reform GST and lower taxes by Diwali. The decision regarding the GST reforms is likely to be taken in the upcoming GST Council meeting, which is scheduled on September 3-4. Rollout of the reform measures is likely to start by September-end.

According to Nomura, the high US tariffs would affect the Indian economy in multiple ways: first, it will directly hit export orders; second, it will lead to job losses, especially in employment-intensive sectors like textiles, apparel, leather goods, metals, chemicals and gems & jewellery; third, a challenging external environment may impact broader business confidence, which could lead to continued weakness in private capital expenditure.

Despite the slowdown, India will remain among the fastest growing major economies and will continue to post above 6% growth by the end of the decade.

"We forecast India's economic growth to steadily slow to just above 6.0% by the decade's end, slightly below the 2010-2019 pre-pandemic average of 6.5%, yet still positioning India among Asia's fastest-growing economies," BMI said.

SIT set to expand probe into Dharmasthala case

Dharmasthala, from Page 1

"The search for skeletal remains at suspected spots where they were buried will continue. We will also look into the cases of missing persons we have got from the neighbouring states and are suspected to be linked to the matter we are probing."

A complex, technology-driven multidisciplinary forensic probe is being launched by the SIT. Sources said the soil in the region is highly acidic and skeletal remains of bodies buried more than 15 years back are unlikely to survive.

However, traces of organic chemicals from decomposed bodies like phosphates, nitrates, lipids and even DNA may remain in the soil for a longer duration. Soil analysis at select spots is likely to reveal if the bodies were buried a decade or so ago, forensic experts privy to the SIT's work said.

However, forensic experts *DH* spoke to cautioned that such traces of chemicals may also have accumulated from other natural processes, making it difficult to link them to the suspected killings and burials.

On July 17, 2025, the state government constituted the four-member SIT to probe the FIR registered in the Dharmasthala police station in the wake of the complainant's statement that he had buried bodies of several women in the area and the bodies bore signs of sexual violence.

The SIT was also tasked with probing cases registered in connection with the alleged mass killing in police stations elsewhere in the state.

Online gaming ban: K'taka mulls own law fearing revenue hit

Online gaming, from Page 1

The state, however, is proposing a ban on 'games of chance'. Since 2017, Karnataka earned Rs 1,157.22 crore under the State Goods & Services Tax (SGST), according to data from the finance department headed by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

"We'll lose a lot more than that. India totally earns Rs 20,000 crore annually through RMGs," Priyank said.

According to data, SGST collection from online gaming companies went from Rs 52.62 lakh in 2017 to Rs 437 crore in 2024-25. The SGST collection dropped to Rs 34.6 crore in 2022-23, when the previous BJP government introduced a total ban on online games without differentiating between those played on the basis of skill and chance. This was struck down by the High Court.

The Centre's "knee-jerk reaction" will have a "cascading effect" on the entire ecosystem, Priyank said.

"India has over 2,000 gaming companies creating two lakh direct and indirect jobs. The talent pool will get hit," he said, adding that the gaming sector received Rs 23,000 crore in foreign direct investment (FDI) in the last few years. "A lot of global investors will pull back if there's no local captive market despite having a huge digitally inclined demography."

Priyank made it clear that he "doesn't approve of any kind of gambling".

"But leaving the sector unregulated means more money laundering, terror financing and immense data theft," he said. "Games are being hosted on servers in Eastern Europe, South America and China, which makes it difficult for us to take action if there's fraud," the minister added.

Since 2023, the police in Karnataka have registered 1,193 cases in connection with online betting. At least 32 persons have died by suicide due to online gambling in this period.

♦ WEATHER ♦

Overview: Rainfall occurred at few places over North Interior and at most places over Coastal Karnataka and South Interior Karnataka

Forecast Aug 29: Rainfall to occur at many places over the state.

INTERIOR NORTH			
Stations	Max	Min	Rain
Belagavi	26.4	20.6	5.4
Bidar	23	20.4	91.4
Vijayapura	29	21.6	16.6
Dharwad	27.4	19.2	03
Haveri	26	20.6	03
Kalaburagi	26.8	22.8	11
Raichur	29	22	16.4
COASTAL			
Honnavar	27.8	23.5	141.5
Karwar	26.6	24.2	121.1
Shirali	NA	NA	NA
Mangaluru	26.8	22.4	91.4

INTERIOR SOH			
Stations	Max	Min	Rain
Agumbe	NA	NA	113
Bengaluru	26.5	20.5	4.9
Ballari	NA	NA	NA
Chamarajanagar	28.5	21.8	01
Chikkamagaluru	NA	NA	NA
Chitradurga	27.1	20.6	14.8
Davangere	25	19	07
Hassan	26	19.8	0.5
Mysuru	29	20	01
Madikeri	NA	NA	NA
Kolar	29.1	20.7	TR
OTHER STATIONS			
New Delhi	30.6	25	13
Kolkata	32.3	26.7	00
Mumbai	30.7	26	01
Chennai	NA	NA	0.1
Pune	27.2	21.8	1.6
Hyderabad	24	21.1	22
Th'puram	32.1	23.3	13

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DEPT FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF DIFFERENTLY ABLED AND SENIOR CITIZENS KALABURAGI

Shahabad Road Rajapur Badepura Arch, Prashanta Nagar-B, Opposite Jeeva Homeopathy Hospital Siddharth Walk Training Center Building Kalaburagi-585106
Telephone no:08472-235222 email ID: ddwoglb@gmail.com

Ref NO: ddwoklbg/02/Motorized two wheeler tender/2025-26 Date:25-08-2025

-: TENDER NOTIFICATION :-

A short-term e-tender has been invited for the supply of motorized petrol three-wheelers to the differently-abled beneficiaries under the DMF scheme for the years 2024-25. The e-tender will be conducted through eligible organizations registered under the Karnataka Public Procurement Transparency Act 1999 and 2000. https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Announcement made on the Website.

Details & Date: 1) Amount put to tender (Estimated cost value): Rs.115.00/- in Lakhs, 2) EMD Amount:Rs. 1,15,000/- in Lakhs, 3) Date of online publication of tender document : 25-08-2025, 4) Last date and time for uploading the tender document 04-09-2025, 5) Date, time and place of opening of technical bid: 06-09-2025, 6) Date, time and place of opening of financial bid: 08-09-2025

For more details, the District Empowerment of the Disabled and Senior Citizens Department, Kalaburagi office can be contacted at telephone number 08472-235222 during office hours.

Sd/-District Disabled Persons Welfare Officers
Disabled Persons and Senior Citizens Empowerment
Department Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/442/KSMC&A/2025-26

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer-2, No. 14/3, 1st Floor,
Aravindha Bhavana Building, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru-560001.

No.: KIADB/LAQ/(K-RIDE)/373/2025-26 Date: 08.08.2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

(Under section 28(2) of KIAD Act 1966)

It is hereby given publication for the information of the public that the KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD. Bengaluru has proposed to acquire the following scheduled properties for the purpose of Corridor-4 of **Karnataka Rail Infrastructure Development Company Limited (K-RIDE)**. The Preliminary Notification Under Section 28(1) in this behalf is issued vide Notification No: CI **105** SPQ 2**025** Bengaluru dated:**05.08.2025** by the Government of Karnataka and the same has already been published in the Karnataka Gazette dated: **07.08.2025**

All the absolute owners and interested persons in the Scheduled properties specified below shall file their OBJECTIONS IF ANY to the undersigned, Notice u/s 28(2) of KIAD Act, has already been served to the notified Khatedar/Anubhavdar, interested persons. As some of the property owners refused to receive the notice and address of some of the Khatedars are not available, notices could not be served. Hence, this notice is published in the Newspapers to provide opportunity to them.

Any contracts for the disposal of the said lands by sale. Mortgage, Assignment, Exchange or otherwise or any improvement made therein without prior permission of the competent authority, after the date of publication of this notification under the provisions of KIAD Act 1966 will be disregarded while assessing compensation for such parts of the said lands as may be finally acquired.

The map of the area comprised therein and the notification specifying the lands which is proposed to be acquired may be verified in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, KIADB, (K-RIDE), Bengaluru during the office hours on all working days. Enquiry is fixed **on 08.09.2025 at 11.00 a.m. in** the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer-2, K.I.A.D.B. **(K-RIDE),** No. 14/3, 1st Floor, Aravinda Bhavana Building, Bengaluru. Interested persons are hereby requested to be present with relevant documents. Failing which, it will be considered that there is no objection from your side and further action will be taken in accordance with law.

Schedule

Sl. No.	I.D. No.	Property Owner	L.A/CT Sy. No.	Total Extent	Area acquired (sq.Mtr.)
Enquiry Date: 08.09.2025					**Time: 11.00 a.m.**
Village : Panathuru	**Hobli: Varthuru**	**Taluk: Bengaluru East**		**District: Bengaluru Urban**	
1	C4/12/8.25-8.80/ panathuru/01	B Murthy S/o Bairappa	3/3A3	1214.04	259.31
Village : Horamavu	**Hobli: K R Puram**	**Taluk: Bengaluru East**		**Dstrict: Bengaluru Urban**	
2	C4/R/26/2/Horamavu/1	1. Anjinappa 2. Ankanna Reddy 3. Lakshmamma W/o Munishami Reddy 4. A Hanumappa Reddy, 5. Muniraja Reddy 6. A Chinnappa Reddy 7. A Chandra Reddy 8. Shanthamma 9. B K Manujunatha 10. Shrinivasa 11. Kodanda Reddy 12. A Krishna Reddy 13. Kodanda Reddy 14. A Hanumappa Reddy 15. Munira Reddy 16. A chinnappa 17. A Chandra Reddy 18. Government	109/1	10319.34	9.5
3	C4/R/26/2/Horamavu/2	Venkatesh G S/o Govindaswamy	109/2	15681.35	14.27
4	C4/R/26/2/Horamavu/3	Geetha W/o Hudihal	109/2		24.80
5	C4/R/26/2/Horamavu/4	Anilf Guptha S/o Indraseen Guptha, Reetu Guptha W/o Anil Guptha	109/2		33.15
6	C4/R/26/2/Horamavu/5	Road	109/2		19.58
7	C4/R/26/2/Horamavu/6	Rajeshwari. V W/o Vasudeva, S P Vasudeva S P S/o S A Paramashivaiah	109/2		31.04
8	C4/R/26/2/Horamavu/7	1. Jaymamma 2. K Muni Reddy 3. Sampath Kumar 4. Lokesh Reddy 5. K Jagadish Reddy	109/2		51.28
9	C4/R/26/2/Horamavu/8	Road	109/2		27.14
10	C4/R/26/2/Horamavu/9	Kadava Pathidar Samaj Represented By Lal ji H Patel Ramesh K Patel Deev G V Patel	109/8	607.02	97.84
11	C4/R/26/2/Horamavu/10	Kadava pathidar Samaj Represented By Adyaksharu Prem G M Patel, Karyadarshi Purushothamf D Patel	109/6	1638.95	148.43(K) 18.43 130.00
12	C4/R/26/2/Horamavu/11	Purushothama K Patel S/o K J Patel (bu.pa)	109/7	1132.54	14.57
13	C4/R/26/2/Horamavu/1	Ramaiah S/o Channarayappa, Ramaiah S/o Channarayappa (Bu, pa)BDA	111	36522.37	99.01
Village : Doddanekundi	**Hobli: Marathahalli**	**Taluk: Bengaluru East**		**District: Bengaluru Urban**	
14	C4/17/080-180/ Doddanekundi/1	1. Gurappa Reddy 2. Nanjappa Reddy S/o Venkatashami 3. Veerappa Reddy S/o Venkatashami	95/1ಬಿ	4451.48	72.27(K) 46.00 26.27
15	C4/17/080-180/ Doddanekundi/2		95/1ಸಿ	4653.82	338.93
16	C4/17/080-180/ Doddanekundi/3	1. Gullamma D/o Late Doddakenchappa 2. Suresh A S/o Late Sukkamma 3. Prashank Kumar S/o Late Shrinivasa K 4. Kamalamma D/o Late Doddakenchappa 5. Ramakka D/o Late Dodda Kenchappa 6. Jayalakshmamma S/o Late Dodda Kenchappa 7. Narasamma W/o Late Venkataswamy 8. Dilip Kumar S/o Late Venkataswamy 9. Parijatha W/o Krishna Murthy	95/2	9105.3	355.85(K) 20.85 335.00
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Sd/- Special Land Acquisition Officer-2, K.I.A.D.B.,-(K.R.I.D.E.,), Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru-560001.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Chief Commissioner, Annex Building-1, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560002

No.: BBMP/C.Comm/PSR(G)/1147/2025-26 **Date: 19.08.2025**

PUBLIC NOTICE

FORM-III (See Sub-rule (3) of rule-3)

In exercise of powers conferred under section **14-B of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act, 1961** the following 'Area' mentioned in the schedule below is required by the Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike for **Construction and development of Airforce park. Mallasandra, Dasarahalli Zone, Bengaluru** for implementing the proposals of the Park.

The following land / building owners have opted for Development Rights in lieu of monetary compensation under the Right to Fair Compensation and transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. The Development Rights will be given by the Authority as twice the land area surrendered and two times the building area surrendered and as estimated by the value of the building area surrendered (valuated as per PWD norms) divided by the market value of the land on which the building is constructed.

The public is hereby informed about the details of the land and land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose and Development Right Certificate (DRCs) are to be issued in lieu of monetary compensation. Any objections and suggestions are to be addressed to the Special Land Acquisition officer, O/o the Deputy Commissioner (Land Acquisition and TDR) Head Office, BBMP within thirty days from the date of publication of this Notification.

List of land / building area surrendered and land owners for which DRC is to be issued.

Name of the District: **Bengaluru Urban** Name of the Taluk: **Bengaluru North** Name of the Village: **Mallasandra**

Sl. No.	Sy. No. / Khata No.	Type of land: Vacant	Type of land: Built up	Nature of Land: Agriculture / Converted undeveloped / Approved layout / developed land / Building site	Dimension of the land / plot and extent in Sq.m: Dimension	Dimension of the land / plot and extent in Sq.m: Extent	Boundaries of the land / plot: North	South	East	West	Building Details: Extent in Sq.m	Building Details: Type of Construction and No. of floors	Building Details: Floor Area Ratio	Present activity on land / Building (Specify Specific activity such as shop, office, factory, apartment, individual house etc.,)	Market (guide lines) value of the land per Sq.m	Name and address of the owner of the plot / land for which DRC is to be issued.
1	Sy No. 22/2	Vacant Land		Converted Land		365.61	Sy No. 16	Remaining Portion of Sy No. 22/2	Sy No.18	Sy No. 15	None	None	None	Vacant	40,000/-	Sri. R. Venkatesh S/o. B.R. Ramachandrappa Residing at No. 60, 2nd Main Road, Shayadri Layout, Hesargatta Road, Nagasandra, Bengaluru-560073

Note: Market guideline value of this property is considered subject to conditions of payment of fee as per Government Order No.: ನಅಇ 137 ಎಂಎನ್‌ಯು 2024 (ಇ), ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09.09.2024 and as per the Circular No.: ಆಯುಕ್ತರು/ಪಿ.ಎಸ್.ಆರ್/ಜಿ/1802/2024–25, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21.09.2024.

Objections and suggestions made be submitted at the address specified below:

Name and address of the Divisional / Sub divisional / Branch Office	Deputy Commissioner, Land Acquisition & TDR, 2nd Floor, Room No: 208, Annex Building-3, N.R. Square, BBMP, Bangalore-560002.

Sd/-,
Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

THE FEDERAL BANK LIMITED

Regd. Office: Aluva, Kerala.

ZONAL OFFICE: 2nd Floor, Halcyon Complex, No.9, St Marks Road, Bangalore-560 001.
e-mail: bgrr-cpc@federalbank.co.in Phone: 080-22074610/604/613/624/625

BGRR/PvtSale/2025-26 **NOTICE FOR PRIVATE SALE OF GOLD** **25/08/2025**

Notice is hereby given for the information of all concerned that Gold Ornaments pledged in the following Gold Loan accounts, with the under mentioned Branches of the Bank, which are overdue for redemption and which have not been regularized so far in spite of repeated notices, will be put for Private sale, in the respective Branches on any date after 10-09-2025 as shown below:

Br. Bidadi: Site No. 342/370, Nelligudda Tank Road, Bidadi, Ramanagara, Karnataka- 562 109 Ph. No. 080-27282383:- 16706400095620, 16706400095992,16706400098285,16706400097709,16706400098236,16706400077966,16706400098327,16706400103598,16706400103606,16706400103788, 16706400100842,16705500014242,16706900002027,16706900001623,16706900001987,16706900001599,16706100065923,16706400106666,16706400106682, 16706400100404,16706400100784,16706400095604,16706400100297,16706400100495,16706400095059,16706400096032,16706400097725,16706400103374.

Br. Balagaranahalli: Sy. No. 33/2, Balagaranahalli, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka- 562 107, Ph. No. 080 27820090 :- 21706100025367,21706100026118,21706400051386,21706400051568.

Br. Bangalore/Basavanagudi: 20/1, Ground Floor, Shri Mallikarjuna Nilaya, Prof.B S Madhava Rao Circle, Basavanagudi, Bangalore- 560 004, Ph.08026571530:-13186100190133,13186100195835,13186400023349,13186100193954,13186100198656,13186400018422,13186100195629,13186400031870.

Br. Bangalore/Jaya Nagar: K M Plaza, Kanakapura Main Road, 30th Cross, 7th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore- 560 082, Ph. No. 080-26655558 :- 13876900004241,13876400085922,13876900004258,13876900005040,13876900004233,13876400096499,13876100386430,13876900004977,13876900004225, 13876500019797,13876100387933,13876500021587,13876900004266,13876500021348,13876500020852,13876500025174,13876400088884,13876500028038, 13876500019656,13876500025158.

Br. Bangalore/Koramangala: No. 7, Maruthi Arcade, 20th Main Road, 7th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore- 560 095, Ph No. 080-25717733:- 14376400041552,14376500014459,14376400048557,14376900002997,14376400046635,14376400046197,14376400048474,14376900003003,14376900001056, 14376900002591,14376900002567,14376900003011,14376100136561,14376900002104,14376900001049,14376100136546,14376900002096,14376900002575, 14376900002708,14376900002724,14376400040372,14376900002583,14376900002716,14376900002211.

Br.Bangalore/Marathahalli: No.43, Varthur Main Road, Marathahalli, Bangalore- 560 037, Ph No. 080-25400111:- 14546500004904,14546400039604,14546400031981,14546100136866,14546400036873,14546500004482,14546400041246,14546400046641,14546400052797, 14546500004367,14546100137799,14546500004599,14546400054181,14546400055493,14546400053118,14546500004631,14546400058034,14546400059131, 14546400052102,14546400055063,14546400055055,14546400055485,14546500004904,14546400059404,14546400057549,14546400055782,14546400056400, 14546400056731,14546400058741,14546400054710,14546400046955.

Br. Bannergatta: Limra Towers, Kemmanaikanahalli, Bannergatta, Bangalore Urban-560 083. Ph. No. 080 27828224 :- 15716400164145,15716400199851,15716100160419,15716400163733,15716400199182,15716400169599,15716400200394,15716400188557,15716400199802, 15716400186056,15716400200121,15716400136077,15716400199810,15716400204768,15716100154057,15716400197095,15716400156380.

Br. Bangalore/H S R Layout : No.19, 15th Cross, 15th Main, Sector IV, H S R Layout, Bangalore- 560 102, Ph. No. 080 25724492 :- 17696900000296,17696100276936,17696100276951,17696400013013,17696400013021,17696400020695,17696900001765,17696900001781,17696100277124, 17696100276282,17696100276415,17696500008863,17696500008699.

Br. Bangalore/J P Nagar : No.13, 15th Cross, 100ft Ring Road, 6th Phase, J P Nagar, Bangalore- 560 078, Ph. No. 080 26549292 :- 18276400098428,18276400089948,18276400092470,18276400099830,18276400099525,18276400092488,18276400100067,18276400092454,18276400094559, 18276400098527,18276400090516,18276400094567,18276400092140,18276400099863,18276900002664,18276400098063,18276100339379,18276400094443, 18276400092447,18276400093668,18276400096836,18276400092462,18276400092124,18276400069098,18276400085722,18276400098535,18276400095333, 18276400093601,18276400092827,18276400094476,18276400094849,18276400092843,18276400093478,18276400098899,18276400098980,18276400096745, 18276400099582,18276400089625,18276400093163.

Br. Bangalore/Banashankari: Sudhama, No.299, 100ft. Ring Road, 4rh Phase, 7th Block, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560085,Ph. 080-26691593:- 17816100363332,17816100363134,17816900002346,17816400083978,17816400086146,17816400087441,17816900000498,17816400089017,17816400086245, 17816100364561,17816400068466,17816400090056,17816400084646,17816400087086,17816400086328,17816400084653,17816400086880,17816900000381, 17816400084661,17816400087268,17816100362987,17816400085072,17816100362664,17816900001462,17816400078721,17816900001751,17816400087151, 17816400085643,17816900001439,17816400088175,17816400084612,17816900001942,17816400086195,17816900000654,17816400089397,17816400087557, 17816100364827,17816100364413,17816900001447,17816400085171,17816400075347,17816100362250.

Br. Wipro Park, Koramangala: Annapoorna Complex, Opp. Wipro Park, No 6,7th Main, 80 Feet Road, 3rd Block, Koramangala PO, Bangalore-560 034, Ph. 080-25504450:- 21996100039639,21996400059501,21996400055418,21996400051474,21996400056267,21996400055152,21996400057133,21996400059006, 21996400059428,21996400057042,21996400059352,21996900001326,21996900000898,21996400056804,21996400054619,21996400056838,21996100040041, 21996100039837,21996400059022,21996400057000,21996400055681,21996400055699,21996400055707,21996400056424,21996400056788,21996900001235, 21996400060053,21996400051979,21996400057307,21996100039266,21996400046573,21996400058404,21996900000880,21996900001094.

Br. Raja Rajeswari Nagar: Nitai Gaur Complex,No: 692, Jawaharlal Nehru Road, BEML 5th stage, Rajarajeswari Nagar, Bengaluru- 560 098 :- 23456500002628,23456500002677,23456900000396,23456400011778,23456400001233,23456400008931,23456400010317.

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Bangalore 25-08-2025 **Vice President & Zonal Head**

THE MONSOON FILES: Maharashtra, Telangana, Kashmir, Kerala hit hard by torrential downpour

Floods, deaths & chaos as rain fury grips India

Commuters make their way through a waterlogged road, in Guwahati, on Thursday. PTI

North Telangana districts crippled; rivers in spate

S N V SUDHIR
HYDERABAD, DHNS

The districts of Kamareddy, Medak, and Nirmal in North Telangana have been devastated by flash floods following two days of relentless rainfall.

The Godavari River's tributaries — Manjira, Kadam, and Swarna — have swollen beyond capacity, submerging vast areas under floodwaters.

Since Tuesday night, torrential downpours have blocked roads and inundated low-lying areas throughout the region.

Coordinated rescue efforts involving the Army and the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) teams have saved over 1,000 people, with helicopters deployed to evacuate stranded farmers in the Medak district.

In a remarkable 32-hour operation, the Nirmal district administration, SDRF teams, and the police successfully rescued a herder trapped by unprecedented flooding.

The meteorological impact has been severe across all three districts, with Kamareddy receiving 536.9 mm of cumulative rainfall over two days.

The Kamareddy town alone received 266 mm of rain. In the Medak district, the Shadnagar area recorded 316 mm of rainfall. Nirmal's Akkapur witnessed 325 mm of rain.

Transportation networks suffered extensive damage. The National Highway (NH) connecting the Kamareddy and Nizamabad districts to Hyderabad has been completely cut off due to flooding.

Railway tracks sustained damage at multiple locations, while NH-44 at Kyasampally in Kamareddy — a crucial north-south corridor — has been severely compromised, stranding transport vehicles and prompting emergency repair efforts.

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy conducted an aerial survey of affected areas in Kamareddy and Medak.

Water level of the River Jhelum rises following incessant rainfall in Srinagar. PTI

7 more rain-related deaths in Maha

MUMBAI, DHNS

At least seven more people have been reported killed in monsoon-related incidents in Maharashtra, even as torrential rains continue to pound the western state on Thursday.

The Mumbai Metropolitan Region witnessed intermittent rainfall during the day.

According to the State Emergency Operations Centre's situation report from the state secretariat in Mumbai, Nagpur reported four deaths in the last 36 hours because of lightning strikes.

Meanwhile, two people died of drowning in floodwaters in Beed, while one person died by lightning in Nashik.

In the Nagpur Rural area, three farmers — Vandana Patil (37), her son Om (18), and Nirmala Parate (60) — died in a lightning strike.

The Marathwada region — particularly the districts of Nanded, Latur, and Beed — continued to be hit by heavy rain.

23L acres crop damage

Meanwhile, a government report estimated crop damage over 23 lakh acres (approximately 9.25 lakh hectares) across the state in August, with Nanded being the worst-affected district.

The district saw standing crops damaged over 7.13 lakh acres, followed by Washim (4.11 lakh acres), Yavatmal (2.95 lakh acres), Buldhana (2.24 lakh acres), Akola (1.09 lakh acres), and Solapur (1 lakh acres).

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has reportedly directed the administration to conduct "panchanamas" (damage assessments) and ensure financial compensation reaches the affected farmers.

Family of 4 from TN dies in Ch'garh as car washed away in flood

CHENNAI, DHNS: What was supposed to be a trip to visit their families and a darshan at the famed Lord Balaji temple in Tirupati turned tragic for a couple and their children after their car, in which they were travelling, was washed away by floodwaters in Bastar district in Chhattisgarh on Tuesday.

Relatives of the victims said the couple – 43-year-old Rajesh Kumar and his wife Pavithra (40) – and their minor daughter started from Raipur to Tiruppathur on Tuesday morning.

It is believed that Rajesh Kumar was at the wheel with his driver, Lalu Yadu, in the front seat, and the car was washed away in the heavy floods when it attempted to drive through a flooded culvert near the Kanger Valley National Park.

Though the couple and their children were washed away along with the car, the driver clung to a tree and escaped.

People with their belongings on a boat make their way through a waterlogged area, in Punjab's Kapurthala. PTI

Landslides, waterlogging in parts of Kerala

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PTI: Rains intensified in Kerala on Thursday, causing waterlogging, a rise in water levels of dams and landslides in some parts of the state, with the IMD issuing an orange alert in six districts for the day, including Ernakulam, Thrissur, Kozhikode, Wayanad, Kannur and Kasaragod districts.

It also issued a yellow alert in Pathanamthitta, Idukki, Palakkad and Malappuram.

In Wayanad, the intense rains resulted in heavy landslides at the Thamarassery pass, completely blocking it.

It was later cleared for emergency traffic movement. Officials inspected the landslide site, where huge eroded rocks, soil and trees fell down from a height of 30m.

The district officials also said that there was a possibility of more landslides in the area.

In Pathanamthitta, Idukki, Thrissur, Palakkad and Wayanad districts, water levels at various dams rose to the "third stage of alert".

Swelling Jhelum revives haunting memories of 2014 in Kashmir

ZULFIKAR MAJID
SRINAGAR, DHNS

As the Jhelum River swelled dangerously in the past two days following relentless rainfall, residents of Srinagar were reminded of the devastating floods of September 2014 that had left the city submerged and caused unprecedented destruction across the Valley.

The rising water level, coupled with waterlogging in several parts of the city, has reignited fears about the administration's preparedness to deal with another flood-like situation. "It feels like 2014 all over again. We couldn't sleep at night, constantly checking the river levels," said Irfan Ahmad, a shopkeeper in Rajbagh, one of the worst-hit areas during the 2014 deluge.

Officials said that although the water level in Jhelum started receding from Wednesday night, it is still flowing above the danger mark. However, with weather authorities forecasting more heavy rainfall in the coming days, people have begun stockpiling essentials and preparing for possible evacuation.

"We are monitoring the situation closely and all necessary arrangements are being made to ensure public safety," a senior officer in the Irrigation and Flood Control Department said.

Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Anshul Garg said the next 10–15 days are crucial and urged residents to strictly follow weather advisories. "Water level in the Jhelum has receded but teams must remain on high alert," he said.

Srinagar has been witnessing waterlogging across low-lying areas, disrupting traffic and daily life. In several neighbourhoods, residents used pumps to clear accumulated water from their homes.

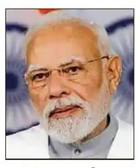
The haunting memories of September 2014 remain fresh for many Kashmiris, when a swollen Jhelum breached its embankments and submerged large parts of the Valley, killing nearly 300 people.

Critics say little has changed since then. Promised flood protection projects have seen delays.

PM Modi leaves for Japan & China

ANIRBAN BHAUMIK
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Even as the tension between Tokyo and Beijing escalated over China's proposed 'Victory Day' parade on September 3 to mark the 80th anniversary of Japan's surrender in World War II, Prime Minister Narendra Modi left New Delhi on Thursday for a visit to both nations.



Narendra Modi

He, however, will not attend the 'Victory Day' parade in Beijing on September 3 — an event which Tokyo accused China of planning with anti-Japan overtones.

Modi is expected to meet Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba on Friday and Saturday.

Ishiba is expected to convey to Modi that Japan has decided to raise the private investment target in India to ¥10 trillion ($68 billion) over the next 10 years from the ¥5 trillion agreed upon in 2022.

They are also expected to renew the India-Japan Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation and call for a free and open Indo-Pacific.

The two leaders are also expected to convey concerns over China's aggressive moves in the East China Sea and the South China Sea.

Modi on Thursday said he and Ishiba would 'endeavour to give new wings' to India-Japan collaboration, and "advance cooperation in new and emerging technologies, including AI and semiconductors".

He will fly to Tianjin in northern China on Saturday for a bilateral meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping on Sunday, before attending a Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit on Monday.

He may also have a bilateral meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin before flying back to New Delhi on Monday.

Modi will meet Xi and Putin even as New Delhi's relations with Washington are under stress, with President Donald Trump imposing a 50% tariff on India.

Modi's meeting with Xi on the sidelines of the SCO summit is the second between them in a year.

Never said I or anyone should retire: Bhagwat

RSS chief clarifies 75-age remark; gives 3-child advice

Mohan Bhagwat speaks during the RSS' centenary celebrations in New Delhi. PTI

SUMIT PANDE & AMRITA MADHUKALYA
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Putting an end to speculation over the retirement of RSS and BJP leaders upon turning 75, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat clarified on Thursday that he has "never said" he is retiring, "nor suggested that anyone else should retire". Fielding a host of questions at the end of the three-day lecture series in Delhi to mark the RSS centenary year, he quipped, "We are ready to work as long as the RSS asks us to," indicating his recent comments at an event in Nagpur on the retirement of political leadership were taken out of context.

Both Bhagwat and Prime Minister Narendra Modi turn 75 next month, and the political circles have been abuzz with discussions on the issue, especially with reference to the retirement plan that was handed out to two former BJP presidents, LK Advani and MM Joshi, after the BJP's victory in the 2024 LS polls.

In a two-and-a-half-hour question-and-answer session, Bhagwat was candid in admitting that the Sangh and its affiliates can have a difference in opinion, but each is free to take its own decisions. Taking a pregnant pause, he asked, "If we were deciding, would it have taken so long?", in what is being seen as an allusion towards the long-pending election of the BJP president after the end of JP Nadda's term last year.

"I have been running a shakha for 50 years now, so if someone gives me advice about that, I am the expert there. When it comes to running the state, they have been doing it for long, so they are the experts." Suggestions can be given, he added, "but the decision in their field is theirs, and ours in our field."

Three children

Expressing concern over illegal immigration and religious conversions, he suggested that each family should have three children to maintain a sufficient population while keeping it under control. "Conversion and illegal migration are key reasons for demographic imbalance. We should not give jobs to illegal immigrants, but to our own people, including Muslims," he added while supporting the government's initiatives on the issue.

On the US tariffs, Bhagwat said the government must take a policy decision to address the situation and that people should support it, suggesting that trade with other countries should not be influenced by pressure or compulsions.

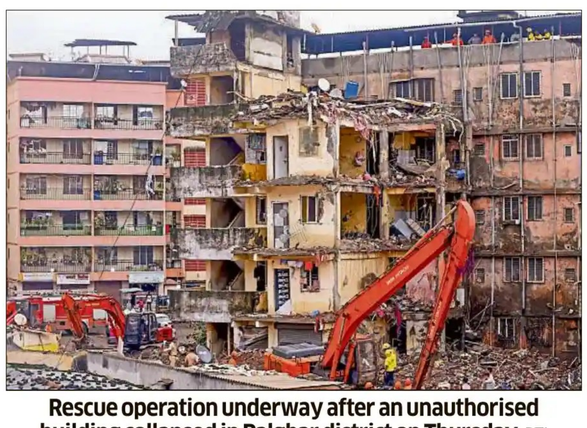
Assam mandates police scrutiny for inter-religion land transfer

GUWAHATI, DHNS: Amid an eviction drive targeting the Bengali-speaking Muslims, religion is soon going to be the basis for police scrutiny of applications for the transfer of land in Assam.

The BJP-led government on Wednesday approved a set of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) making it mandatory for police scrutiny of land transfer applications involving people belonging to different religions.

After a cabinet meeting in which the SOPs were approved, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma told reporters on Wednesday evening that during the scrutiny, the special branch of the state police would try to verify the source of money meant for buying the property, potential impact on "social cohesion" and "national security" in case of applications for inter-religion land transfer.

Sarma said the SOP will also be applicable for applications seeking the transfer of land to NGOs from outside the state.



Rescue operation underway after an unauthorised building collapsed in Palghar district on Thursday. PTI

Virar building crash toll mounts to 17; builder arrested

MRITYUNJAY BOSE
PALGHAR, DHNS

The toll in the building crash tragedy in Virar near Mumbai mounted to 17 on Thursday in what was described as one of the worst accidents in the Mumbai metropolitan region post the Covid-19 pandemic, even as the builder was arrested.

Nine injured persons have been admitted to local hospitals, including six who are said to be critical.

The building—Ramabai Apartment, a four-storied structure located on Narangi Road in Virar-East area of Vasai taluka, collapsed around Tuesday midnight and Wednesday. The apartment has 50 flats, and the collapsed part had 12 apartments, which housed around 50-60 residents.

Teams of Vasai Virar City Municipal Corporation (VVCMC), Mira-Bhayander Vasai-Virar (MBVV) police and National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) are engaged in the search and rescue (S&R) operation.

The building, which was declared "unsafe and unauthorised", was constructed in 2012.

As a precautionary measure, all the chawls around the ill-fated building have been vacated and occupants shifted to safer places.

President Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis condoled the deaths and prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured. Fadnavis also announced financial assistance of Rs 5 lakh to the kin of the deceased.

'Vote chori' to 'infiltrators': The political spin on SIR

SATISH JHA
PATNA, DHNS

As the contentious Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls carried out by the Election Commission enters the final phase in Bihar, the I.N.D.I.A bloc and ruling NDA have started to stitch their respective narratives around the exercise ahead of the Assembly polls, expected to be announced in the coming weeks.

The Congress-led Opposition is rallying people around the idea that the SIR is an attempt to steal their votes and constitutional rights, framing the campaign as a 'Save the Constitution' movement. This strategy had already helped the party in the 2024 general election, where it improved its tally from 52 to 99 seats.

On the other hand, the BJP-led ruling NDA alliance is amplifying concerns over illegal foreigners, or 'ghuspaithiyas', allegedly altering local demography and threatening the livelihoods of natives. The party is tapping into the widespread perception that the SIR will identify "Muslim Bangladeshis and Pakistanis" who have settled here illegally.

BJP leaders led by PM Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah have already started attacking Congress for opposing the SIR by saying that the party was trying to protect 'ghuspaithiyas', which are its vote bank.

On the ground, even vocal supporters of Opposition parties, including the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), believe that the SIR is justified as a means to remove foreigners from the voters' list, along with other anomalies such as names of the deceased, and those who have relocated or migrated.

Several people *DH* spoke to in districts like Khagadia, Purnea, Madhepura, Supaul, Madhubani and Sitamarhi said, "If the government has done it, it must be right — just that it should have given more time." The sentiments in the Mithilanchal region were largely in support of the SIR. The BJP hopes to make further inroads in the region, projecting the SIR as a weapon against "illegal Muslim infiltrators".

"The SIR is necessary — not just for Bihar, but for a country where demographics are shifting," said Indrakumar Chaudhary, a school principal in Karuna village near the India-Nepal border.

The SIR has found broad acceptance among upper castes and, to some extent, across caste lines within well-off families. However, the exercise has disproportionately affected Dalits, Mahadalits, women and minority communities. On the ground, though, these hardships have not translated into significant resentment against the ruling alliance. The Opposition's charge of the SIR being a case of "vote chori" has, so far, failed to gain traction.

Opposition parties have struggled to tap into the crisis, largely due to inactive ground workers. As one political observer noted, in Patna, the bulk of block-level agents weren't from the RJD or Congress, but from the BJP, which deployed over 51,000 workers.

EC denies RTI request on 2003 Bihar electoral roll revision

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Election Commission has refused to provide a copy of the order for an Intensive Revision of electoral rolls in 2003, as well as the study or analysis on which it based its decision to conduct a similar exercise in Bihar this year, sought under the Right to Information Act.

Transparency activist Anjali Bhardwaj had filed two separate RTI applications with the Election Commission, seeking copies of the 2003 order and the study or analysis used by the EC to justify the current Special Intensive Revision (SIR). In both responses, the EC shared only the link to its 2025 SIR order.

Bhardwaj said the orders and guidelines of the 2003 Intensive Revision in Bihar are not available on the EC website, nor have they been included in any of the affidavits filed by panel in top court.

In her first RTI, Bhardwaj requested a copy of any independent appraisal, study or analysis undertaken by the EC before initiating the nationwide SIR in 2025.

The EC, in its reply, asked her to refer to its guidelines dated June 24, describing them as "self-explanatory and available" on its website, and added that "no information is available in the Commission."

In a second RTI, Bhardwaj sought a copy of the order or notification authorising the Intensive Revision of electoral rolls in Bihar in 2003.

Three-member panel on Sambhal violence submits report to CM Yogi

LUCKNOW, DHNS: The judicial commission, formed to investigate last year's violence in Uttar Pradesh's Sambhal town during a court-mandated survey of a Mosque in which four persons were killed and several others injured, submitted its report to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Thursday.

Although the 450-page report was not made public, according to the sources, it contains details of the history of communal riots in the town, the change in its demography and evidence of the existence of a Hindu temple in the foundation of the Mosque.

The report of the three-member Commission would be placed before the state cabinet, and would be tabled in the assembly after its approval.

The report, according to the sources, says that the Hindu population in Sambhal declined from 45% in 1947 to just 15% at present, while the Muslim population reportedly increased from 55% to 85%.

It said that the change was caused by the "politics of appeasement, planned communal riots and the prevalence of an atmosphere of fear".

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A tariff test on sovereignty

India is in for tough times with the enhanced tariffs dictated by US President Donald Trump coming into effect and the US taking a more aggressive position on the matter. By calling the conflict in Ukraine "Modi's war" and stating that "the road to peace runs, in part, through New Delhi", the US has adopted a rhetoric of double-speak. It says "everybody in America loses because of what India is doing". This is when China accounts for 47% of Russia's oil exports and India 37%. The EU, Turkey and Japan are major buyers of Russian oil or gas. But the logic or justice of the policy is immaterial when it is irrationally driven. India should now concentrate on the imposts and ways to counter their impact.

India has been handed the highest levies in Asia, and they will hit more than 55% of the goods shipped to the US, its biggest export market. While some of the key products such as electronics and pharmaceuticals have been exempted for now, the duties will hit a large segment of industries including clothing, gems and jewellery, leather and footwear. According to the Global Trade Research Initiative, nearly two-thirds of India's exports to the US, amounting to $60.2 billion out of $86.5 billion, will fall into the high-tariff bracket. Many export goods like clothing will be priced out of the US market by products from countries such as Vietnam and Bangladesh which are in the lower tariff brackets. A fall in exports will hit production and lead to job losses. Many manufacturing units in Tirupur, Surat, etc. have halted production. The impact has also been felt in the stock market.

Reason has left the US narrative. India must prepare for the fallout without compromising its interests

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the country would face the situation with determination. He has ruled out any compromise on the interests of the farmers and small-scale industries, and has underlined self-reliance as a key response to the emerging situation. India will also have to diversify its exports, find new markets, and expand the existing markets. This will not be easy. While India enjoyed a healthy trade surplus of over $45 billion with the US, it has a trade deficit of $59 billion with Russia and of $100 billion with China. The government will also have to back small units affected by the tariff hike with financial aid to help them stay afloat. The country is entering a period of tariff-induced uncertainty but no threats or coercion should make it compromise on its interests.

UKP: Consensus tough but necessary

The Upper Krishna Project (UKP) has long been envisioned as a lifeline for the parched districts of North Karnataka. By raising the Almatti dam's height from 519 metres to 524 metres, the state could store an additional 130 tmc of water allocated under the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal-II award. This would enable Karnataka to fully utilise its entitlement of 911 tmc, bringing irrigation to nearly 14.7 lakh acres of drought-prone land across Vijayapura, Bagalkot, Kalaburagi, Yadgir, and Raichur, thereby transforming lives and fuelling the region's economy. However, decades after its conception, the project remains entangled in disputes over land acquisition and compensation. According to Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar, of the 1.33 lakh acres required, compensation has been finalised in only a fraction of the cases. Nearly 45,000 landowners have turned to the courts, seeking higher payouts. In many instances, courts have awarded compensation several times higher than the government benchmark. If such awards were applied uniformly, the state's liability would balloon to Rs 2 lakh crore, a figure that renders the project financially unviable.

At stake are both the livelihoods of those who stand to lose their lands and the future of lakhs who await irrigation. The government's insistence that the project can proceed only if the farmers accept the compensation it has fixed risks deepening the impasse. Farmers, understandably, are unlikely to yield unless they are convinced that their sacrifice will be justly valued. Conversely, the state cannot commit to payouts that cripple its finances. The only way forward lies in striking a balance. The government must adhere to the principles of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act. Compensation should be fair, realistic, and transparent, coupled with a comprehensive rehabilitation and resettlement package that ensures displaced land owners can rebuild their lives with dignity. At the same time, the state's legal teams should ensure that compensation awards are consistent and aligned with the Act's parameters, preventing excessive payments that jeopardise the sustainability of large projects.

The land compensation impasse must not be allowed to delay what could be North Karnataka's lifeline

Shivakumar's proposal for broader consultations with ministers, legislators, farmer leaders, and stakeholders is a welcome step. Building consensus will not be easy, but it is the only path to unlocking the project's potential. Karnataka must view the UKP not as a short-term burden but as a generational investment. Irrigating the dry lands of North Karnataka could alter the destiny of the region. To allow the project to drown in a sea of litigation would be an unforgivable failure.

DHARMA WITH A DISCLAIMER

A strategic silence for coalition trade-offs

TDP and JD(U) have secured benefits for the states while choosing to look away from rising Hindutva assertion

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When the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) failed to secure a parliamentary majority in May 2024, requiring the support of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and the Janata Dal (United) [JD(U)] to form the government, it was speculated that coalition *dharma* would act as a moderating force. The very logic of coalition politics – compromise, negotiation, and a common minimum programme – seemed to promise a check on the government's Hindutva-driven policies. Yet, 15 months into Narendra Modi's third term, it has become evident that coalition *dharma* has remained a mirage, with little discernible impact on the BJP's ideological project. Hindutva continues its march with renewed confidence, while the coalition partners appear content to trade silence on secular principles for developmental concessions in their respective states.

The expectations of moderation were not unreasonable. The TDP, under N Chandrababu Naidu, has historically projected itself as a regional, development-focused party with limited interest in sectarian agendas. Similarly, Nitish Kumar's JD(U), though politically malleable, has often emphasised social justice and has previously broken with the BJP over ideological differences, most notably on Modi's leadership itself in 2013. Their support was therefore interpreted as a potential brake on the excesses of Hindutva. The BJP, without a majority of its own, would surely need to respect its allies' concerns and adhere more closely to constitutional propriety – so the reasoning went.

This optimism, however, has not survived contact with reality. In BJP-governed states, the systematic targeting of minorities has continued unabated. Consider recent evidence. In Maharashtra's Jalgaon, the killing of a 21-year-old Muslim man for the "crime" of being seen with a Hindu girl echoes the vigilante violence that has become normalised since 2014. In Uttar Pradesh, four Muslim men were assaulted while transporting meat, underscoring the continuing impunity of "cow protection" mobs. Eviction drives in Assam's Goalpara and Golaghat have rendered hundreds of Muslim families homeless. Gujarat has witnessed the demolition of over 12,500 homes near Chandola Lake, disproportionately affecting Muslims including documented Indian citizens. Reports of harassment of Bengali-speaking Muslims across BJP-governed states reinforce the continuity of discriminatory policies from the previous term.

Attacks on Christians and churches have escalated, confirming that Hindutva's reach extends beyond one minority. Meanwhile, the State has deepened its authoritarian reflexes:

arbitrary detentions, restrictions on interfaith marriages, and attempts to regulate dietary habits persist without pause. These developments underscore that the third term is not a departure from the previous two but a seamless continuation.

The silence of the BJP's coalition partners in the face of such egregious assaults on India's minorities is striking. Neither the TDP nor the JD(U) has issued a statement of concern. Both parties supported the BJP on the controversial Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025 which critics argue undermines minority autonomy and religious freedoms, despite concerns raised within their own ranks.

Transactional politics

Both allies appear preoccupied with securing fiscal and infrastructural benefits for their states. The Union Budgets of 2024-25 and 2025-26 explicitly highlight this *quid pro quo*: Bihar received targeted allocations such as a Makhana Board, a new National Institute of Food Technology, greenfield airports, and funding for the Western Kosi Canal project. Andhra Pradesh secured substantial allocations for the Polavaram irrigation project, Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, and Vizag Port, alongside other developmental promises. For Naidu and Kumar, the calculus seems clear: their electoral fortunes are tied to visible developmental gains, not to the defence of India's secular framework.

This transactionalism lays bare the limits of coalition *dharma* in the contemporary Indian political context. Rather than constraining the BJP, the coalition arrangement has effectively provided the assertions with an additional shield of legitimacy. By their silence, the TDP and JD(U) have normalised the very Hindutva excesses they were once expected to temper. They have allowed themselves to be co-opted into a system where the delivery of highways and irrigation projects excuses complicity in constitutional erosion. This silence is not mere political strategy – it is a form of abdication, a betrayal of the constitutional values they are sworn to uphold.

One cannot ignore the role of the Opposition in this dismal landscape. While the Congress and regional parties have issued statements of condemnation, there has been no sustained mobilisation, no coordinated campaign to resist the normalisation of anti-minority violence. This collective inertia, from both allies in government and parties in Opposition, points to a disturbing banalisation of hate.

The cumulative effect of these silences is a profound shift in the political culture of the republic. What was once considered shocking has become routine; what was once condemned now provokes fatigue. The expectation that coalition politics could function as a safeguard against authoritarianism has proved naïve. This has grave implications for India's future. If even the failure of the BJP to secure a majority does not slow Hindutva's advance, what hope remains for the secular republic? The grim possibility is that the 2029 election, regardless of its outcome, may not alter this trajectory. The normalisation of hate, once entrenched, is difficult to reverse.

The question is no longer whether coalition partners will act as a brake, but whether institutional forces in Indian democracy are willing – or able – to do so.

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RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

Wild beyond the stripes

There's more to wildlife than tigers and rhinos in Kaziranga, as it is elsewhere

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'Awarded for Excellence (to) Kaziranga Tiger Reserve in recognition of outstanding performance in the field of conservation of species other than tigers in tiger reserves' reads a prominently displayed National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) plaque, greeting us at the forest guest house on the outskirts of the national park.

The famed one-horned rhinoceros had already been ticked off the bucket list, as we sighted a few while traversing the animal corridor in the buffer zone itself. The stout, well-built creatures, quite like the "biological armoured tanks" now endemic to the region, once spanned the entire Indo-Gangetic plains as described by Mughal emperor Babur in his *waqai* (memoirs), popularly known as *Baburnama*. The ash-coloured, solitary mammals, along with the other heavy-duty herbivores, the elephants and the bison, are quite easy to spot.

But not so the Royal Bengal Tiger. The tall, dried elephant grass provides the lethal camouflage for the apex predator to make a kill. The elusive cat gave us a slip a few times as we trailed fresh pug marks, fresh scratches on trees, a deer's persistent call and other visitors reporting sightings "just around the corner", while the "unlucky" ones, at one point, got caught between two tuskers on opposite ends, with one charging at us for disrupting his mud bath!

Indian golden orioles flashing their bright yellows escorted us into the sanctuary after the security checks. The grasslands in the buffer zone soon transitioned into woodlands in the core, revealing the rich biodiversity. A tree hole nestled a strikingly patterned rock python, while a perfectly camouflaged Bengal monitor lizard craned its neck out from another opening, perhaps trying to catch some sunshine. A flashy jungle fowl here, a drab bearded shrike there, vibrant kingfishers and Indian rollers, colour-blocked pheasants, and fork-tailed metallic black drongos all made for the vivid avian life around. A slender-billed vulture sat guarding its nest high up on a tree. Cormorants played "statue-statue" over water bodies, perhaps stealthily waiting for a scrumptious catch. A grey-headed fish eagle made an unsuccessful dive at catching a fish, leaving its prey injured and writhing in the waters. Hordes of Great White Pelicans with distinctively pouched beaks, black-necked storks, oriental darters, and tortoises sunbathed around water bodies. Prey species like hog deer, swamp deer, boars and hogs were aplenty.

There's more to wildlife than tigers and rhinos in Kaziranga, as it is elsewhere. Though, we finally did spot a rare golden tiger, an albino because of inbreeding, endemic to Kaziranga, only three of its kind in the world, its fiery orange coat marked with golden stripes glistening in the fading rays of the setting sun after much chase. Being on top of the food pyramid, the big cat matters, after all.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

America's bullying stance erodes its own credibility

The conduct of the United States under President Donald Trump towards India has been arguably the most egregious in the history of the two countries. The imposition of punitive tariffs, coupled with intemperate public remarks from senior officials, reveals an attitude of arrogance and coercion. Peter Navarro, Trump's trade adviser, went so far as to blame Prime Minister Narendra Modi directly, branding India "arrogant" for refusing to capitulate to one-sided American demands. Similarly, Scott Bessent and others echoed the same condescending refrain, portraying India as a stumbling block to US commercial designs. Such rhetoric is not only diplomatically graceless but also strategically myopic. India, with its vast agrarian base, small-scale industries, and sovereign economic priorities, cannot be expected to surrender its national interests at the altar of American expediency. The picture that emerges is of the US wielding economic might as a weapon rather than an instrument of cooperation. For a relationship that aspires to be strategic, America's bullying stance is a disservice to both bilateral trust and its own long-term credibility.

N Sadhasiva Reddy, Bengaluru

Protect farmers

The Union government's decision to suspend the 11% duty on raw cotton imports, aimed at alleviating challenges faced by textile exporters, has raised significant concerns. While the move may benefit the textile industry, it risks neglecting the well-being of domestic cotton farmers, particularly in states like Gujarat, Punjab, and Telangana. The AAP's call to impose higher tariffs on US imports underscores the need for policies that protect domestic industries while ensuring fair trade practices. India must balance international obligations with the interests of its local farmers, ensuring that no section of society is left behind in economic reforms.

Vijaykumar H K, Raichur

Celebrate inclusion

Apropos 'Dasara is state's cultural festival, not just religious, asserts DKS' (Aug 27), Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar is right in reiterating that Dasara is a cultural festival of Karnataka, not just a religious one. Dasara is the state's 'Naada Habba' that can be inaugurated by anyone, whether a celebrity or not. The invitation to Banu Mushtaq should be viewed from the perspective of her contributions to Kannada and its culture, rather than her religious affiliations. The decision is a wise move by the state government to honour a woman who shares deep sentiments with Kannada and its heritage and is in keeping with the state's intrinsic nature of inclusion. This should not be politicised.

J A Nathan, Bengaluru

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SPEAK OUT

I never said I will retire or someone should retire at 75...In Sangh we all are volunteers, we all have to do what we are asked to do, we cannot cite our age to refuse any work.

Mohan Bhagwat, RSS chief

Few men of action have been able to make a graceful exit at the appropriate time..

Malcolm Muggeridge

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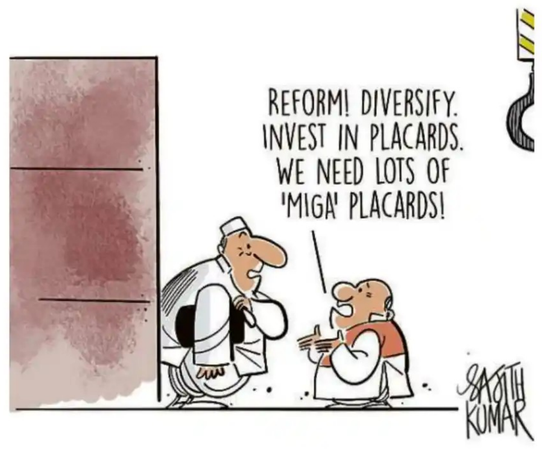

IN PERSPECTIVE

India, China and ties in transition

Bilateral, regional, and global interests are in play as the two countries redraw their engagement landscape

RAJIV RANJAN

Wang Yi, a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and Foreign Minister of China, visited India for the 24th meeting of the Special Representatives on boundary issues. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Tianjin to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit this weekend, his first visit to China since 2020.

Speculations are rife in some sections of the media and policy circles in India and China that given US President Donald Trump's U-turn on India, New Delhi is recalibrating its China policy. This analysis is misguided for four reasons. First, after Galwan, many Chinese scholars anticipated that this was a brief deviation in the relationship and that the bilateral ties would soon be on their normal course. However, India's non-compromising stance on the 'boundary first' approach proved otherwise. Second, it was Trump's first salvo of tariffs aimed at China that prodded Zhongnanhai to rethink its India policy. This Chinese approach to India may have triggered Washington to recalibrate its trade policy towards Beijing, since containment yielded no results.

Third, from BRICS in Xiamen, 2017 to SCO in Tianjin, 2025, India-China engagement indicates the strategic relevance of these groupings in pushing warring states to soften their positions. Fourth, a hostile neighbourhood risks minimising the strategic impact of China going global and of a shared-destiny construct. Beijing's all-out approach towards India exhibits Chinese limitations in antagonising India.

But we also need to ask if this rapprochement is just another reset in the engagement without learning from the past mishaps. The Special Representatives' (SR) meeting on border questions, apart from renewing the existing mechanisms, *inter alia* agreed to set up two expert groups to explore "early harvest" in boundary delimitation in the border areas and advance effective border management to maintain peace and tranquillity. Furthermore, both countries agreed to establish general-level mechanisms in the eastern and middle sectors, covering the three sectors of the boundary disputes.

Achieving domestic growth targets requires peaceful borders and trade and investment flows. Recent Chinese restrictions on the export of fertilisers, rare earth magnets, and tunnel-boring machines may have slowed down India's growth trajectory in the short term. Similarly, New Delhi's foreign direct investment policy since 2020 has prevented neighbouring countries, including China, from investing in India, thereby restricting Chinese industries from benefiting from the large Indian market.

The readout of the SR meeting underlines India's concern about China's dam on the Brahmaputra River in Tibet and acknowledges the role of the India-China Expert Level Mechanism on trans-border rivers. Nevertheless, creating a Brahmaputra River Water Commission with three riparian countries – China, India, and Bangladesh – will be strategically more prudent. In addition, instead of sharing hydrological information only during emergencies based on 'humanitarian considerations', New Delhi should push Beijing for binding responsibilities.

Trump in the mix

What is promising is the re-opening of border trade through the three designated trading points, namely Lipulekh Pass, Shipki La Pass and Nathu La Pass. As many studies have concluded that these border trades invariably reduce transgressions, these experiences should be implemented in the Western sector, as the Ladakh 2025 Vision Document also envisioned the reopening of ancient trade routes.

Apart from bilateral compulsions, regional and international factors have contributed to the thawing in the relationship between India and China. Geopolitical dynamics are in flux and the pressure on India to abandon its cherished strategic autonomy has been mounting since the beginning of the Russia-Ukraine war. However, the unpredictability of Donald Trump, exhibiting the 'unipolar disorder' of the American system, is altering the rule-based order, thereby necessitating the upholding of the beneficial multilateral order, as both China and India are at the receiving end.

Operation Sindoor has altered the regional dynamics in South Asia. The warming of the Pakistan-US relationship necessitates neutralising the Pakistan-China alliance. However, given the nature of the Islamabad-Beijing ties, this will require sharp diplomatic manoeuvring.

Mini laterals are also becoming realities of the emerging order. New Delhi may not like to leave space for Beijing to dominate the SCO. Given that Pakistan is a member of the SCO, it is crucial that India takes part in the summit and not let the grouping give voice to the China-Pakistan rhetoric.

India's foreign policy is being recalibrated to adjust to the new geopolitical realities and to set new priorities in international engagements. How will this shift play out? The jury is still out.

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From cages to chips: India must chart a future beyond animal testing

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Animal testing can be traced back to ancient Greece, with references as early as 400 BCE. Aristotle and Erasistratus have documented experiments on live animals, and over the centuries, the practice became accepted for evaluating surgical procedures, studying anatomy, and testing the safety and efficacy of vaccines, drugs and chemicals -- including those used in warfare.

The use of animals in research peaked in the 1970s but has since declined, largely due to a shift in pharmaceutical research from animal screening to mechanistic-based approaches. A downward trend was first evident in countries such as Great Britain, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and Germany, where increased research funding and advances in biomedical techniques provided more accurate and reliable alternatives. Crucially, 90% of drugs that pass animal testing still fail in human clinical trials. Differences in metabolism, absorption, and physiology make animal models poor predictors of human outcomes. Yet, despite these flaws, the practice persists.

Global trends

In April 2025, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), in a landmark move, announced that animal testing will be phased out in favour of more "effective and human-relevant methods". Similarly, the EU Council has endorsed the European Research Area (ERA) Policy Agenda 2025-27, encouraging animal-free innovation and the adoption of New Approach Methodologies (NAMs).

These developments align with the principles of the 3Rs -- replacement, reduction, and refinement -- which promote humane and science-based research. NAMs include *in-vitro* methods such as human cell and tissue cultures, 3D bioprinting, and organ-on-chip (OoC) technologies. OoCs are microphysiological systems that simulate human organ tissues like the heart, brain, or liver using microfluidics in a controlled physiological and mechanical environment. The other category is *in-silico* models, which rely on large datasets along with mathematical modelling, AI, and machine learning to predict toxicity and pharmacokinetics. Complementary categories include *in-chemico* methods and high-throughput screening.

With progress in artificial intelligence, advanced technologies, and the declining cost of computational power, these options are more accurate, ethical, and significantly faster. However, they demand high upfront costs, and herein lies the challenge for countries like India.

Post-independence, India enacted broadly progressive animal laws, though implementation remains patchy. The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act (PCA 1960) was the first comprehensive national law, followed by the creation of the Committee for the Purpose of Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA) in 1964 to regulate research and education. From 1998, only registered research institutions and breeders were permitted to use animals for experimentation.

Despite this framework, outdated clauses -- largely related to penalties -- remain its Achilles' heel. Though attempts at reform have largely failed, progress has been made: animal dissection in education was banned in 2012; in 2013, India became the first country in South Asia to ban the testing of animals for cosmetics; and in 2014, the ban on the import of animal-tested cosmetics was introduced. More recently, the New Drugs and Clinical Trial Rules (2023) took a decisive step by promoting non-animal methods for drug and vaccine research. However, overlapping regulations governing animal testing continue to create complexity and confusion. This inconsistency was reflected in the 2020 Global Animal Protection Index, where India received a "C" rating, highlighting how its laws risk becoming a paper tiger: strong on paper, but weak in enforcement.

India faces real-world challenges. Live animals (like rodents, rabbits, dogs, monkeys, fish, birds, and invertebrates like fruit flies) remain easy to source. Many large pharmaceutical firms and Contract Research Organisations (CROs) have invested millions of dollars in animal-based research, built extensive infrastructure over the decades, designed supply chains and trained personnel around conventional animal studies. Replacing them with NAMs requires a concerted and globally coordinated effort, as major CROs in India cater to foreign clients, whose regulations still mandate animal testing.

A path forward will require a multi-pronged approach:

- A National Action Plan: India should draft a roadmap for animal-free research and integrate it into flagship missions such as Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat, ensuring support from all stakeholders.
- Boost R&D investment: Incentivise innovation, increase funding, and strengthen academia-industry-government partnerships to reduce reliance on costly foreign infrastructure and imported technologies.
- Forge global collaboration: Encourage knowledge exchange, training and the building of resilient supply chains.

India's pharmaceutical sector is currently valued at $50 billion (2023-24) and is projected to grow to $130 billion by 2030 and $450 billion by 2047. A clear government stance on human-based testing could bridge knowledge gaps, attract private investment, and align societal values with scientific progress. After all, a policy without effective implementation is like a caged bird: full of promise, but unable to fly.

As the world's fourth-largest economy, India must lead from the front.

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Worn down by hundreds of days of military service, fewer Israeli reservists are turning up for duty. Others are refusing to fight in a war they no longer believe in

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An Israeli tank deployed in Israel close to the Gaza border. At the start of the war, the Israeli government authorised calling up more than 300,000 reserve soldiers. NYT

Israel's exhausted soldiers complicate Gaza assault plans

Israel is preparing to call up tens of thousands of reserve soldiers for its Gaza City offensive, but military officials say it's not clear how many of them will return to the fight after nearly two years of grinding war.

Over the past few months, an increasing number of Israeli reserve soldiers have not been showing up for military service. Some cite exhaustion, as well as the need to save strained marriages or foundering careers. Others say they are increasingly disillusioned with the war.

The rising discontent in the ranks threatens to complicate Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's plan to take control of Gaza City in an effort to decisively rout Hamas. The military has said it plans to call up an additional 60,000 reservists and extend the service of 20,000 more.

Besides Gaza, Israeli forces are also still fighting on several other fronts: Israeli soldiers now patrol parts of southern Lebanon and Syria, in addition to mounting major incursions into Palestinian cities in the West Bank.

The Israeli military did not provide hard numbers on how many reservists have dropped out, making it difficult to assess the scale of the phenomenon. In May, a senior Israeli military official told a parliamentary committee that while there had been some attrition, most reservists were still coming. Four soldiers who spoke to *The New York Times* in the last few months said their units were still motivated to continue fighting.

But around a dozen other officers and soldiers described depleted and exhausted units, with at least two saying that 40 to 50 percent of their reservist comrades were not turning up for duty.

Others said they had dropped out, believing that the war was no longer just. Most spoke on condition of anonymity because they were worried about reprisals or were not authorised to speak publicly.

Few soldiers have faced penalties for not reporting to their units, although a handful who refused on ideological grounds have served short stints in military prison.

Lt Gen Eyal Zamir, the Israeli military chief, objected to Netanyahu's decision to expand the offensive in Gaza in part because of concerns over the fitness of reservists, according to four Israeli security officials.

Israel broadly conscripts Jewish Israelis after high school, although it makes a much-criticised exemption for the country's ultra-Orthodox minority. The military relies heavily on reservists to form up to two-thirds of the overall force, particularly its pilot corps and many of the infantry battalions needed to launch a full-scale attack on Gaza City.

While some Israeli military planners argue that most reservists still answer when called, others now worry that the shortfall will make completing the operation more difficult, according to two Israeli defence officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to speak publicly.

"We keep trying to squeeze out everything we can without real strategic planning," said Omer Dank, an Israeli military analyst who serves in the air force reserves. "The current model is unsustainable. The army is exhausted."

Military analysts say the system of calling up reservists from civilian life for stints in battle worked for shorter wars. But many reservists have now done hundreds of days of active service, turning them into absent fathers, employees and students.

One soldier said turnout in his 100-strong company had gradually dwindled to 60, with many citing tensions at home over child care, problems at their day jobs and mental health reasons. To incentivise reservists, the soldier said, his unit was being deployed into Gaza for a week at a time, then being given two-week breaks of paid leave.

A soldier in an infantry unit said just half of his team had arrived for his last call-up late last year. Another platoon commander in the reserves said that while his own soldiers were still coming, other officers were struggling to handle turnout as low as 40%.

Hamas's October 7, 2023 attack on Israel started the war in Gaza and prompted the Israeli government to call up more than 300,000 reserve soldiers. In that attack, roughly 1,200 people, mostly civilians, were killed and about 250 were taken hostage.

Initially, the turnout rate was often over 100 percent, according to the Israeli military, as volunteers rushed to bases, hoping to join the fight. But as the war has dragged on, cracks have begun to emerge.

"It's not that people have decided to shirk their duty. It's because they are genuinely struggling," said Ariel Heimann, a retired brigadier general who led a military body that managed reservists.

One member of the military's elite paratroopers unit served two rounds of reserve duty in Gaza and Lebanon. In April, his platoon returned to Gaza as part of a renewed offensive against Hamas — but this time, he told his commanders that he could not bear to join them.

One of his best friends was killed by a missile in Gaza, he said, and readjusting to civilian life was enough of a battle.

Other soldiers are also infuriated that the military is demanding ever more weeks of service, even as the Israeli government has pushed to exempt ultra-Orthodox religious students from conscription to satisfy Netanyahu's political allies.

Ron Peretz, a university student, is on his fourth tour of reserve duty, which is set to last until October. One of the hardest parts, he said, was the impossibility of making any future plans.

"In my battalion, they know most of us will keep coming over and over again. It's a cynical use of our patriotism, even as they don't draft tens of thousands of others," said Peretz, referring to the ultra-Orthodox.

Several soldiers said the military was trying to manage the declining motivation of reservists to serve extended tours in Gaza by sending them to calmer fronts, like the occupied West Bank. The young conscripts they replaced were deployed to Gaza, they said.

A smaller number of Israeli soldiers have begun to refuse to serve in Gaza on ideological grounds, arguing that the war against Hamas has lost its way. More than 60,000 people have been killed in Gaza, including thousands of children, according to Palestinian health officials, who do not distinguish between civilians and combatants.

Ron Feiner, a 26-year-old captain, was sentenced in June to 25 days in a military prison for refusing to join his battalion's most recent deployment. He spent about 270 days in uniform, including in deadly firefights during Israel's campaign against Hezbollah in Lebanon.

"The government is trying to drag out this war as long as possible, even if it means leaving the hostages behind," said Feiner.

Another Israeli reservist said his doubts deepened after his comrades-in-arms set at least 10 Palestinian homes ablaze as vengeance for the October 7 attacks during a deployment to northern Gaza. Their commanders had greenlit the practice, he said. In response to a question from The Times about the alleged incident, the Israeli military said reports of improper conduct would be investigated and a criminal investigation opened if necessary.

The soldier and another member of his battalion said they had rebuffed calls from their commanders to come back to active duty. Their units deployed again to Gaza in early May without them, they said.

Others returned to war despite qualms over the direction of the Israeli campaign.

Before Avshalom Zohar-Sal, a 28-year-old combat soldier, left for his latest tour of duty in the Gaza Strip in May, his family and girlfriend begged him not to risk his life in a war that all of them — including him — no longer supported.

"At the beginning, this was a war which was forced upon us. But come on, that's no longer the case, and it hasn't been for a while," Zohar-Sal said in a phone call as he drove south toward Gaza. "This should have ended a long time ago."

The New York Times

The 'nicest judge' from Providence

MATHEW C NINAN

Frank Caprio
(Nov 24, 1936 – Aug 20, 2025)

The news of Judge Frank Caprio's passing was met with sadness by millions of admirers across the world, a grief reserved for someone personally known. Judge Caprio of Providence in Rhode Island, US, endeared himself through his empathy and compassion. His was a career where justice was tempered with mercy, a rare quality in the stern corridors of the judiciary. In most courts, the letter of the law prevails. Judges are expected to apply it strictly, even if that sometimes denies a fuller sense of justice. Such legalism may excuse harshness and even ruthlessness in delivering 'justice'.

Judges are usually remembered for severity, impartiality or legal acumen -- as it should be, one might say. Rarely is a judge remembered with affection. Judge Frank Caprio was that exception. Described as the 'nicest judge', he was known for his compassion and courteous demeanour. His gentle humour often lightened the atmosphere in the Providence courtroom, where he served as judge for more than forty years, until retiring two years ago.

Judge Caprio was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 2022. Announcing his death, his son David Caprio said, "Your love lifted his spirits; your love boosted his soul. In his memory, please spread a little kindness today. I know that he would love that. Dad, we love you. May you rest in peace."

His court proceedings, broadcast for years, drew huge global audiences. Millions were moved by his warmth and fairness; some estimates suggest his show was viewed billions of times. Few judges have ever been so widely known or admired.

Critics may argue that a judge has no authority to dispense mercy and favours beyond the law. Yet, Judge Caprio often chose leniency for the poor and vulnerable who appeared before him, convinced that some deserved help rather than punishment. For him, this was not indulgence but an extension of justice.

Born to Italian immigrant parents in Rhode Island, Caprio grew up in modest circumstances. His father was a milkman. Caprio worked shining shoes and delivering milk to support his family. His early days were a struggle. He longed to study law at Boston College, but he did not have the money to go there. His mother, however, found money to send him to the Rhode Island College of Law.

Later on, he recalled how he was invited to the Boston College of Law as a guest speaker. He was also invited to the White House as former US President Bill Clinton's guest. He received universal acclaim, but he was ever the humble judge of Providence.

Banker-turned-renowned artist Anil Verghese from Mumbai painted a portrait of Judge Caprio and presented it to him just about a year ago. After receiving the portrait, he took Anil and his wife, Cheryl, to a restaurant for lunch. "Several of his admirers greeted him there. He ordered food for all of them. They all sat with him, including his driver. They address him as 'judge'. It appeared that he knew every single person in Providence and their families," Anil said. He also recalled the judge saying, "The turning point of my life was a note written by my father. It said, you should someday achieve great heights by your education and hard work." He had tears rolling down when he showed the note to us, recounted Anil.

Judge Caprio recalled how his father was a tremendous influence upon him. He told Anil how the seeds of compassion were sown in him by his father. His father would give milk free to poor homes with children.

Anil wrote in his condolence message to the judge's family as follows. "If 30% of the people on the globe prayed for one man this year, it would be Judge Caprio. He influenced millions, and when he touched me, I felt my father's touch. Finally, I kissed his hand, and I didn't know that it was my final adieu to someone I adored."

Judge Caprio had a childlike innocence about him. He was able to see the good that is in every man and woman who came to his court. A deeply religious man, he believed in the essential goodness of every human being. He also knew that he could reform those who lacked the milk of human kindness.

Judge Caprio has left his footprints on the sands of time, so the world will remember him as a judge who dispensed justice tempered with mercy.

(The writer is Director, Little Rock, Brahmavar, Udupi)

OUR PAGES OF HISTORY

50 YEARS AGO: AUGUST 1975

West Asia peace pact reaches signing stage

Jerusalem, August 28
Israel will initial the interim peace settlement with Egypt negotiated by U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, according to a government official. It was the most direct statement by an Israeli official so far that Dr. Kissinger's nine-day efforts to negotiate a corner-stone pact on which to build Middle East peace will be successful. Egyptian President Anwar Sadat said there was "a great possibility" that the accord will be initiated on Sunday or Monday.

25 YEARS AGO: AUGUST 2000

Govt drops all charges against Veerappan aides

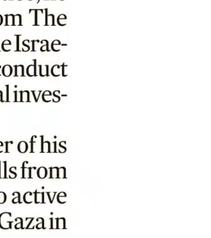
Bangalore, Aug 28
Fulfilling one of the major demands of Veerappan, the Karnataka Government today dropped all charges against 121 alleged associates of the brigand. The Order, which was issued soon after the Mysore Court granted bail, stated that the Government, considering public interest, had decided to drop the charges against the accused in five cases. Public prosecutors concerned will file applications seeking the dropping of charges. Of the 121 alleged associates of Veerappan, 70 are already on bail.

OASIS | PRASANNA S HARIHAR

Understanding the three *gunas*

Waking up an average Indian cricket fan to ask what SRT reminds, it will be a response faster than one can bat their eyelid - the God of cricket who entertained us throughout his career, iconic certain cricketer who created his own niche in the annals of world cricket.

Waking up an average spiritual seeker to ask the same question it will be a response in unison - *Sattva, Rajas,* and *Tamas*. They are the *gunas* which form the essence of nature, everything within us and outside us. A combination that forms the constituents of every living and non-living being at birth during creation and at the end during destruction. These three are also referred to as Trigunatmika Maya.



When the three *gunas* are in complete harmony both within us and without us, i.e., around us in nature then there is bound to be happiness - total bliss every single moment and into eternity.

In the reverse order let us understand what these three *gunas* do to us. Tamas can be seen in a dull mind that remains lazy, and sluggish. The upside though is it helps one to rest enough to feel rejuvenated, but any excess rest is a sign of a *tamasic* mind. In the spiritual path this is darkness which conceals awareness, our own true Swaroopa.

Rajas is the *guna* that can be seen in a hyper-active mind. It is the cause for anger, anxiety, aggression and is responsible for driving an individual towards action and accomplishment - making one feel elated or hopelessly placed. This motivates one to get into action and seek desired results. In the spiritual path the downside is this too conceals awareness, and further projects what is not.

Sattva is the sign of a calm mind which helps in discriminating the good from the bad. This allows us to seek the right things and keeps the mind steady in the present moment. In the spiritual path it helps in Self-inquiry to reveal awareness.

What combination of these three *gunas* is essential is a discussion for another day. The cricketer needs optimal balance of the *gunas* to score and be successful over a period. A spiritual seeker needs to focus on a *Sattva*-predominant quality to progress along in the spiritual path.

We are, in essence, nothing but the three *gunas*.

Mumbai, Kohima safest for women; Patna, Jaipur, Delhi least safe: Report

'About 91% women felt safe, yet about 50% were unclear if their workplace had POSH'

NEW DELHI, PTI

Kohima, Visakhapatnam, Bhubaneswar, Aizawl, Gangtok, Itanagar and Mumbai have emerged as the safest cities in the country for women, while Patna, Jaipur, Faridabad, Delhi, Kolkata, Srinagar and Ranchi were ranked the lowest, according to the National Annual Report & Index on Women's Safety (NARI) 2025.

The nationwide index released on Thursday, based on a survey of 12,770 women across 31 cities, placed the national safety score at 65%, categorising cities as 'much above', 'above', 'below' or 'much below' this benchmark.

Kohima and other top-ranked cities were associated with stronger gender equity, civic participation, policing and women-friendly infrastructure.

At the other end of the spectrum, cities like Patna and Jaipur fared poorly due to weak institutional responsiveness, patriarchal norms and gaps in urban infrastructure.

"Kohima, Vishakhapatnam, Bhubaneswar, Aizawl, Gangtok, Itanagar, Mumbai lead national safety rankings, often correlating with higher gender equity, infrastructure, policing, or civic participation while Ranchi, Srinagar, Kolkata, Delhi, Faridabad, Patna, and Jaipur scored lowest, correlating with poorer infrastructure, patriarchal norms, or weaker institutional responsiveness," the report said.

Overall, six in ten women surveyed felt 'safe' in their city, but 40% still considered themselves 'not so safe' or 'unsafe'. The study revealed sharp drops in perceptions of safety at night, particularly in public transport and recreational spaces. Educational institutions (86% safe) especially in daylight, but safety perceptions fall sharply at night or off-campus.

About 91% of women reported safety, yet about half were unclear if their workplace had a POSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment) policy; those with such policies generally rated them as effective.

Only one-fourth of women said they trusted authorities to act effectively on safety complaints. While 69 per cent said current safety efforts were somewhat adequate, over 30 per cent noted significant gaps or failures; only 65 per cent perceived real improvement over the years 2023-2024.

Seven per cent of women said they experienced harassment in public spaces in 2024, with the figure doubling to 14 per cent among those under 24. Neighbourhoods (38%) and public transport (29%) were most often flagged as harassment hotspots. Yet, only one in three victims came forward to report the incidents.

The report stressed that official crime data alone cannot reflect women's lived reality.

Guv can't have dominating position over State executive, TN tells top court

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Tamil Nadu government on Thursday told the Supreme Court that the Governor cannot have a dominating position over the state executive and the state legislature, as it would be akin to having "two swords in the same scabbard" and making the holder of the constitutional office the super Chief Minister.

A five-judge bench led by Chief Justice of India B R Gavai and comprising Justices Surya Kant, Vikram Nath, PS Narasimha, and AS Chandurkar, heard submissions on the presidential reference, concerning whether the court can impose timelines for Governors and the President to deal with Bills passed by state assemblies.

"Two swords in one scabbard. That is the antithesis of democratic functioning by an elected chief minister," Senior advocate A M Singhvi, representing Tamil Nadu, submitted before the court.

The bench asked whether members of the Constituent Assembly had in mind that the Governor is expected to decide at the earliest, and if that was the intention of the Constitution makers, "can we ignore that?"

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the Centre, said the example the bench is giving is that the Governor is expected to react immediately. "Not immediately, but within a reasonable time," the bench said. The bench said it would not say any words about the two-judge verdict of April 8, but the Governor would not be justified in sitting over the bill for six months.

SC questions Governor's delay in giving assent to Bills

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Supreme Court on Thursday said the term "as soon as possible" used in Article 200 of the Constitution in deciding the fate of Bills would serve no practical purpose if Governors are allowed to withhold consent for "eternity".

Hearing the Presidential reference on timelines for the President and Governors to clear Bills passed by state legislatures, a five-judge bench led by Chief Justice of India B R Gavai also said framers of the Constitution deliberately replaced an earlier six-week limit with the phrase "as soon as possible" in Article 200, and asked the Central government whether this phrase could be ignored in deciding the fate of Bills.

"The question is when the Governor sits over a Bill passed by the legislature and keeps sitting over it. The words used were 'as soon as possible'... Earlier, it was six weeks, and later made 'as soon as possible', and one of the members in the drafting committee stated 'as soon as possible' would mean immediately... If this was the view of the Constitution makers, then can we ignore that?" asked CJI Gavai.

Article 200 provides for the powers of the Governor regarding Bills passed by state legislatures.

SC asks YouTuber to approach HC against Assam Police FIR

NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Thursday declined to consider YouTuber-journalist Abhisar Sharma's challenge to the validity of an FIR lodged by the Assam Police over his criticism of the state government allotting 3,000 bighas of land to a private company.

A bench of Justices M M Sundresh and N Kotiswar Singh, however, granted him interim protection from arrest for four weeks to enable him to approach the Gauhati High Court.

The court tagged his plea, challenging the validity of the sedition provision under BNS Section 152, for consideration along with a pending petition.

It also issued a notice to the Union government on his plea challenging the section.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for the petitioner, submitted that the section was being used as an omnibus provision.

The court, however, asked him to challenge the FIR before the HC. "Why are you bypassing the HC? We will give you protection; you go to the HC. Just because you're a journalist, we can't entertain," said the bench.

2 ultras killed as Army foils infiltration bid along LoC

SRINAGAR, DHNS: The Army on Thursday killed two terrorists in North Kashmir's Gurez sector while foiling yet another infiltration attempt along the Line of Control (LoC) — the latest in a spurt of such bids in recent weeks.

According to the Srinagar-based Chinar Corps, the Indian Army and Jammu launched the operation jointly with the Kashmir Police following specific intelligence inputs.

"Alert troops spotted suspicious activity and challenged, which resulted in terrorists opening indiscriminate fire. Troops responded with effective fire, neutralising two terrorists," the Army wrote on X (formerly Twitter).

MISCELLANY

◆ COMICS ◆

Blondie

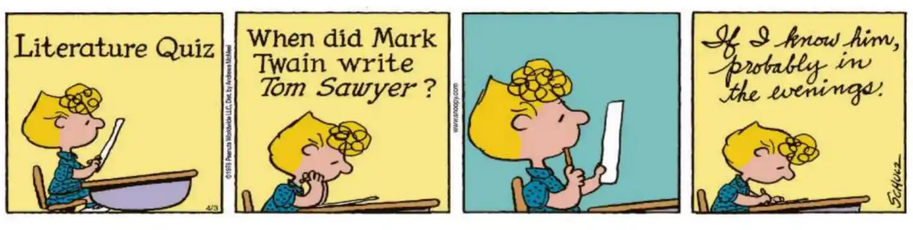
NICE TO MEET YOU, TED
I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU BACK HERE IN FOUR HOURS.
FOUR HOURS?
WOW, HE MUST REALLY LIKE YOU... THAT'S A HALF HOUR LONGER THAN I USUALLY GET!

Hagar The Horrible

WHY ON EARTH WOULD YOU EAT THE WHOLE CAKE ?!
BECAUSE NOBODY ANYWHERE ON EARTH BAKES A BETTER-TASTING CAKE THAN YOU!
WELL, AS LONG AS YOU HAD A GOOD REASON...

Beetle Bailey

Peanuts



Marvin

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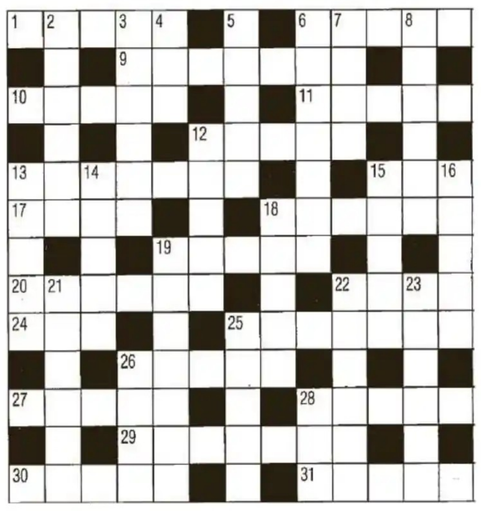

ACROSS
1 Pity (5)
6 Nobleman (5)
9 Awkward (7)
10 Burn (5)
11 Scope (5)
12 Sum (5)
13 Distinguish (7)
15 Devoured (3)
17 Skin complaint (4)
18 Joined (6)
19 Xmas song (5)
20 Evaded (6)
22 Otherwise (4)
24 Speck (3)
25 Vie (7)
26 Church table (5)
27 Bear (5)
28 Helmet part (5)
29 Ancient (7)
30 Pours (5)
31 Flower (5)

DOWN
2 Busy (6)
3 Spite (6)
4 Conclude (3)
5 Great Lake (5)
6 Burnt sugar (7)
7 Spoken (4)
8 Nullify (6)
12 Step (5)
13 Old-fashioned (5)
14 Nose (5)
15 Supple (5)
16 Moved sideways (5)
18 Engine (5)
19 Underground rooms (7)
21 Find (6)
22 Morals (6)
23 Sleep lightly (6)
25 Hidden store (5)
26 First man (4)
28 By way of (3)

CRYPTIC

ACROSS
1 Schooner, perhaps, or maybe a balloon (5)
6 Potentially fiery game? (5)
9 Desirous of being flush, when off to the West Indies (7)
10 Snake, I see, contributing to one's diet! (5)
11 A fit way to redraw maps (5)
12 Game calling for many skills (5)
13 Rub away (4,3)
15 One case of peas (3)
17 It's hot down there! (4)
18 It's a mercy, perhaps, being so rich (6)
19 Finds a buyer for sound radio batteries, maybe (5)
20 A film star's gratitude (6)
22 New cup noted for colour (4)
24 Derive nourishment from wheat germ (3)
25 Managing to get all right, he's only outwardly dud! (7)
26 It's usable in parts as bait (5)
27 One on watch? (5)
28 A girl's virtue (5)
29 They're seedy and often in the soup (7)
30 Compulsory plan? (5)
31 Long, out-of-the-way story (5)

DOWN
2 Female wild seals getting out of line (6)
3 Turn wives crazy, with a bit of luck (6)
4 Accurately quoted piece of music (3)
5 Food product dissolved in fresh water (5)
6 Need some person, one gathers! (7)
7 Slap into the mountains! (4)
8 Habit of producing fresh cuts to order (6)
12 Nobs with whom Mr O'Connor goes round the country? (5)
13 The ball we hit making a break (5)
14 Fold in a petal, possibly (5)
15 Where the Italians could shake Ada up? (5)
16 Paddy, homeless, given food in part of Wales (5)
18 Strike a number out (5)
19 Jumpy captain? (7)
21 Supposedly mad hare crashing out of a race (6)
22 Give satisfaction if you don't mind! (6)
23 Hole made with explosive effect (6)
25 Beatrice's poetic associate (5)
26 Salerno's part of Cheshire! (4)
28 Sticky paper won't let it do it! (3)

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD 12234

CRYPTIC
ACROSS: 1, Bubble 7, Solitude 8, Drop 10, Hookey 11, Attire 14, Per 16, Rat on 17, Deer 19, Sitar 21,T-amil 22, B-owls 23, Mash 26, Screw 28, Wax 29, Others 30,Taxi-NG 31, Is-is 32,Tone poem 33, Ex-E-ter.
DOWN: 1, B-ash-ed 2, Barker 3, E-spy 4, M-istra-L 5, Cubit 6, SeV-en 8, Dope 9, O'er 12,Tar 13, Rolls 15, S-imla 18, Ex-act 19, Saw 20, 'Tis 21,Towrope 22, Be-E 23, Ma-X-ine 24, Axis 25, Higher 26, So-uth 27, Rhi-no 28, Was 30,Ti-me.

EASY
ACROSS: 1, Siesta 7, Solstice 8, Cask 10,Taurus 11, Safari 14, Pen 16, Riles 17, Mass 19, Molar 21, Lines 22, Dixie 23, Rest 26, Bacon 28, Wad 29, Allege 30, Severe 31, Odin 32, Informer 33,Twelve.
DOWN: 1, System 2, Snares 3, Asks 4, As far as 5, Final 6, Lewis 8, Cups 9, Sun 12, Fir 13, Reaps 15,Tonic 18, Appal 19, Mix 20, Lee 21, Lingers 22, Doe 23, Ravine 24, Eden 25,Thence 26, Basin 27, Cliff 28, Wed 30, Sort.

◆SU-DO-KU-6687◆

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8	5	4	9	7	2	3	1	6

SOLUTION TO 6686

To solve the puzzle: To solve a su-do-ku puzzle, every digit from1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows, and in each of the nine boxes.

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S1	O1	O1	E1	N1	D2	P3	Triple Word Score	
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Y4	I1	U1	N1	N1	N1	B3	5th Letter Triple	
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T1	D2	N1	E1	N1	I1	O1		
								RACK 4
M3	D2	H4	E1	E1	E1	T1	Triple Word Score	
								RACK 5
A1	O1	E1	V4	M3	L1	B3	3rd Letter Double	

PAR SCORE 170-180
by JUDD

FIVE RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 25 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Collins English Dictionary. JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

R1 O1 T1 U1 N1 D2	RACK 1 =	7
R1 E1 C3 L1 I1 N1 E1	RACK 2 =	77
B3 O1 M3 B3 E1 R1 S1	RACK 3 =	76
P3 A1 L1 A1 T1 E1 S1	RACK 4 =	59
PAR SCORE 145-155	JUDD'S TOTAL	219

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Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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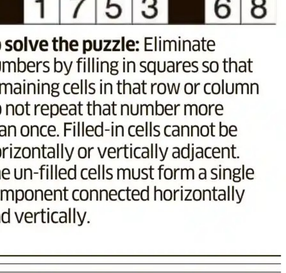

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: INEPT CABLE FORBID GRAVEL
Answer: The grizzly came across as bossy, arrogant and — OVERBEARING

HITORI-3141

8	8	4	6	3	7	5	8
4	2	2	7	5	8	1	3
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SOLUTION TO 3140

■	3	5	2	■	8	4	6
6	8	■	1	7	3	■	4
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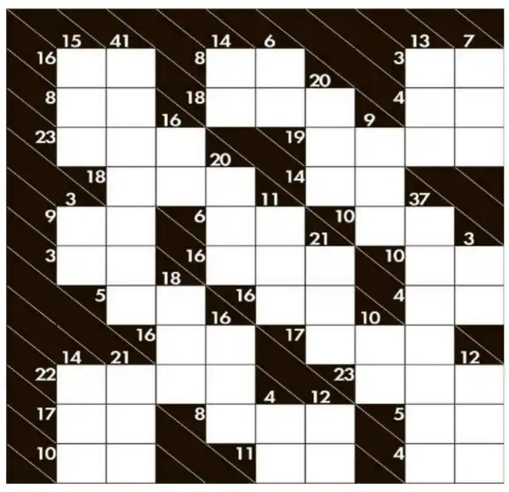
2	6	1	■	4	5	■	3
■	4	■	3	2	6	5	7
3	■	2	4	6	■	1	5
4	7	6	■	5	2	8	■
■	1	7	5	3	■	6	8

To solve the puzzle: Eliminate numbers by filling in squares so that remaining cells in that row or column do not repeat that number more than once. Filled-in cells cannot be horizontally or vertically adjacent. The un-filled cells must form a single component connected horizontally and vertically.

KAKURO- 3141



SOLUTION TO 3140

To solve the puzzle: Put a number from 1 through 9 in a cell. No zeros. A number in a cell separated by diagonal line tells the sum of numbers in consecutive cells at its right or downward. No number may appear more than once in consecutive cells.

SU DO KU X - 3660

■		4			9			2
	■		1	5		7	4	
		■		4	8	■	3	
	2		■	8	5			
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9	6	7	■		■			
4		9	6			5		
	■			3			■	
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SOLUTION TO 3659

6	4	1	5	8	9	2	3	7
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To solve the puzzle: The objective is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column, each 3x3 box and each shaded diagonal line contains the same number only once.

'Nuke India' scribbled on US school shooter's gun

NEW YORK/WASHINGTON, PTI: A shooter who opened fire at a Minneapolis Catholic School, killing two children, had "Nuke India" written on one of his guns, according to video footage of the alleged arsenal used by him.

The shooter, identified as Robin Westman, 23, from Minnesota, opened fire at the Annunciation Catholic School on Wednesday, killing two children aged 8 and 10 and injuring 17 others. Westman then allegedly killed himself.

Video footage circulating online reportedly showed Westman displaying his ammunition, rifles, and guns, with "Nuke India" written in white on one of his guns.

Journalist Laura Loomer said in a post on X that the Minnesota shooter had "Mashallah" and "Nuke India" written on his gun. He also wrote "Israel Must Fall".

"Clearly influenced by anti-Indian and anti-Jewish Islamic propaganda. Not really a shocker to see a person like this living in Ilhan Omar's district kill Catholics. Another example of the Red-Green alliance," Loomer said. Ilhan Omar, a Democrat, has represented Minnesota's 5th congressional district since 2019.

Trump admin moves to limit US stays of students, journalists

Visa restrictions could harm international students

WASHINGTON, AFP

President Donald Trump's administration moved Thursday to impose stricter limits on how long foreign students and journalists can stay in the United States, the latest bid to tighten legal immigration in the country.

Under a proposed change, foreigners would not be allowed to stay for more than four years on student visas in the US. Foreign journalists would be limited to stays of just 240 days, although they could apply to extend by additional 240-day periods — except for Chinese journalists, who would only be allowed 90 days.

The US has, until now, generally issued visas for the duration of a student's educational programme or a journalist's assignment, although no non-immigrant visas are valid for more than 10 years.

The proposed changes were published in the Federal Register, initiating a short period for public comment before they can go into effect. Trump's Department of Homeland Security alleged that an unspecified number of foreigners had been indefinitely extending their studies so they could remain in the country as "'forever' students." "For too long, past administrations have allowed foreign students and other visa holders to remain in the US virtually indefinitely, posing safety risks, costing untold amounts of taxpayer dollars, and disadvantaging US citizens," the department said in a press statement on Wednesday.

The department did not explain how US citizens and taxpayers were hurt by international students, who, according to Commerce Department statistics, contributed more than $50 billion to the US economy in 2023. In the 2023-24 academic year, the US welcomed over 1.1 million international students, more than any other country, providing a crucial source of revenue as foreigners generally pay full tuition.

Workers hang a large photo of US President Donald Trump next to a US flag on the facade of the Department of Labor headquarters building in Washington, DC, on Wednesday. AFP

A group representing leaders of US colleges and universities denounced the latest move as a needless bureaucratic hurdle that intrudes on academic decision-making and could further deter potential students who would otherwise contribute to research and job creation.

"This rule sends a message to talented individuals worldwide that their contributions are not valued in the US," said Miriam Feldblum, president and CEO of the Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration.

"This is not only detrimental to international students — it also weakens the ability of US colleges and universities to attract top talent, diminishing our global competitiveness."

Navarro labels Ukraine war as 'Modi's war'

NEW YORK/WASHINGTON, PTI

The Ukraine conflict is "Modi's war," White House trade adviser Peter Navarro has alleged, claiming the "road to peace" runs partly "right through New Delhi".

Navarro, United States President Donald Trump's Senior Counsellor for Trade and Manufacturing, said in an interview on Wednesday that "India is helping feed the Russian war machine".

"Everybody in America loses because of what India is doing. Consumers, businesses, workers — they all lose. India's high tariffs cost us jobs, factories, income, and higher wages. And then taxpayers lose, because we have to fund Modi's war," Navarro stated.

When asked if he meant "Putin's war," Navarro reiterated that it was indeed "Modi's war".

"I mean Modi's war, because the road to peace runs, in part, through New Delhi," he added.

President Trump has imposed an additional 25% tariffs on India for its purchases of Russian oil, effective from Wednesday, bringing the total duties on India to 50%.

Navarro claimed it would be "real easy" for the 25% additional tariffs to be removed, stating that New Delhi only needed to stop buying Russian oil.

"India can get 25% off tomorrow if it stops buying Russian oil and helping to feed their war machine," Navarro said.

While calling Prime Minister Narendra Modi "a great leader", Navarro expressed confusion at the stance India was taking.

"This is a mature democracy with intelligent people running it, yet they look us in the eye and say, 'we don't have the highest tariffs in the world', when, in fact, they do," he said.

"There's no dispute about that. If you look at the numbers, and then they say, 'we're not going to stop buying Russian oil'. Now, what does that mean?" Navarro added.

European nations move to reimpose sanctions on Iran

DUBAI (UAE), AP/PTI: France, Germany and the United Kingdom moved on Thursday to reimpose United Nations sanctions on Iran over its nuclear programme, further isolating Tehran after its atomic sites were repeatedly bombed during a 12-day war with Israel.

The process, termed a "snapback" by the diplomats who negotiated it into Iran's 2015 nuclear deal with world powers, was designed to be veto-proof at the UN and could take effect as soon as October. It would again freeze Iranian assets abroad, halt arms deals with Tehran and penalise any development of its ballistic missile programme, among other measures.

The move starts a 30-day clock for the sanctions to return, a period that likely will see intense diplomacy.

Russian strike on Kyiv kills 17, hits EU offices

Trump weighs next steps as Ukraine peace talks stall

KYIV, AP/PTI

A major Russian air attack on Kyiv early Thursday, including a rare strike in the city centre that damaged the European Union's diplomatic offices, killed at least 17 people and wounded 48 more, authorities said on Thursday.

The bombardment of drones and missiles was the first major Russian assault on Kyiv in weeks, as US-led peace efforts to end the three-year war struggled to gain traction. It also prompted Kaja Kallas, the European Union's top diplomat, to announce she would summon Russia's EU envoy to Brussels.

Rescuers work at the site of a building which was hit by Russian strikes in Kyiv, Ukraine, on Thursday. REUTERS

Two of Ukraine's top envoys were scheduled to meet the Trump administration on Friday regarding mediation.

The Kremlin insisted Russia remained interested in continuing peace talks despite Thursday's assault, which was one of the biggest of the war since it began in 2022.

Among the dead were four children aged between 2 and 17, said Tymur Tkachenko, head of Kyiv's city administration. The toll is expected to rise. The strike was one of the few times Russian drones and missiles have reached the heart of Kyiv since the full-scale invasion began.

Ukraine's Air Force said Russia launched 598 strike drones and decoys and 31 missiles of various types across the country, most of them aimed at Kyiv.

Italian women fight back against abusive online forums

ROME, AP/PTI: Italian women, from ordinary workers and housewives to top politicians, are fighting back against a proliferation of websites displaying their photos without consent, often accompanied by obscene language.

Their efforts gained prominence earlier this summer when activists denounced a Facebook page dubbed "Mia Moglie" (My Wife), where men posted photos of their spouses without their permission. The campaign successfully led to the page being taken down.

Now, another more prolific site has emerged that exposes prominent women, including Premier Giorgia Meloni and other politicians, to obscene and explicit comments. Some posts even glorify violence. The site, which takes its name from slang for female genitalia, has been active for at least two decades.

India, Canada appoint new envoys to reboot ties

NEW DELHI, DHNS

India and Canada on Thursday appointed new envoys to each other's capitals, signalling efforts to rebuild ties after relations soured following the killing of a Khalistani Sikh terrorist in Canada in June 2023.

India named Dinesh K. Patnaik, a veteran diplomat who joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1990, as the new High Commissioner to Canada. Patnaik is currently serving as India's ambassador to Spain. Canada appointed Christopher Cooter as its new High Commissioner to India.

The two countries on Wednesday agreed to respect each other's concerns and sensitivities as part of efforts to repair their strained relationship, which worsened following the murder of a fugitive Khalistani Sikh extremist in Canada two years ago.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney agreed on 18 June to take "calibrated and constructive steps" to restore stability in the relationship. This includes the early return of the Indian and Canadian High Commissioners to Ottawa and New Delhi.

In October 2024, India withdrew its then-envoy to Ottawa, Sanjay Kumar Verma, and five colleagues after they were accused of involvement in the June 18, 2023, killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, the fugitive 'commander' of the Khalistan Tiger Force, at a gurdwara parking lot in Surrey, British Columbia. India rejected Canada's request to waive the immunity of its diplomats to allow questioning by police. In retaliation, New Delhi expelled six Canadian diplomats, including acting High Commissioner Stewart Wheeler.

In September 2023, then-Prime Minister Justin Trudeau alleged that agents of the Indian government were involved in Nijjar's killing. India denied the accusation, but the incident significantly worsened relations. On 14 October 2024, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police publicly accused Indian agents of orchestrating criminal activities in Canada. Patnaik is expected to take up his new post in Canada shortly, the Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement.

"The appointment of a new High Commissioner reflects Canada's step-by-step approach to deepening diplomatic engagement and advancing bilateral cooperation with India," Canadian Foreign Minister Anita Anand said on Thursday. "This is an important development towards restoring services for Canadians and strengthening the bilateral relationship to support Canada's economy."

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer-2, No. 14/3, 1st Floor,
Aravindha Bhavana Building, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru-560001.

No.: KIADB/LAQ/(K-RIDE)/373/2025-26 Date: 12.08.2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

(Under section 28(2) of KIAD Act 1966)

It is hereby given publication for the information of the public that the KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD, Bengaluru has proposed to acquire the following scheduled properties for the purpose of Corridor-4 of **Karnataka Rail Infrastructure Development Company Limited (K-RIDE).** The Preliminary Notification Under Section 28(1) in this behalf is issued vide Notification No: CI **104** SPQ **2025** Bengaluru dated:**07.08.2025** by the Government of Karnataka and the same has already been published in the Karnataka Gazette dated: **11.08.2025**

All the absolute owners and interested persons in the Scheduled properties specified below shall file their OBJECTIONS IF ANY to the undersigned, Notice u/s 28(2) of KIAD Act, has already been served to the notified Khatedar/Anubhavdar, interested persons. As some of the property owners refused to receive the notice and address of some of the Khatedars are not available, notices could not be served. Hence, this notice is published in the Newspapers to provide opportunity to them.

Any contracts for the disposal of the said lands by sale, Mortgage, Assignment, Exchange or otherwise or any improvement made therein without prior permission of the competent authority, after the date of publication of this notification under the provisions of KIAD Act 1966 will be disregarded while assessing compensation for such parts of the said lands as may be finally acquired.

The map of the area comprised therein and the notification specifying the lands which is proposed to be acquired may be verified in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, KIADB, (K-RIDE), Bengaluru during the office hours on all working days. Enquiry is fixed **on 11.09.2025 at 11.00 a.m. in** the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer-2, K.I.A.D.B. **(K-RIDE),** No. 14/3, 1st Floor, Aravinda Bhavana Building, Bengaluru. Interested persons are hereby requested to be present with relevant documents. Failing which, it will be considered that there is no objection from your side and further action will be taken in accordance with law.

Schedule

Sl. No.	I.D. No.	Property Owner	L.A/CT Sy. No.	Total Extent	Area acquired (sq.Mtr.)
Enquiry Date: 11.09.2025					**Time: 11.00 a.m.**
Village : Nagashettyhalli Hobli: Kasaba-2 Taluk: Bengaluru North District: Bengaluru Urban					
1	C2/R/12/7-8/Nagashettyhalli/1	Ramekrishnachari	8/1	17704.75	1.00
2	C2/R/12/7-8/Nagashettyhalli/2A	Noortabasum	8/1		3.84
3	C2/R/12/7-8/Nagashettyhalli/3	Road	8/1	-	0.41
Village : Mathikere Hobli: Yeshwanthapura Taluk: Bengaluru North District: Bengaluru Urban					
4	C2/R/14/8/Mathikere/1	K Bhuvaneshwari W/o M Muniraju	101	2832.76	36.01
5	C2/R/14/8/Mathikere/2	A R Raghurama S/o Late M S Ramaiah	101		42.00
6	C2/R/14/8/Mathikere/1	1. T R Mohan Kumar 2. T Ramachandra	102/2	3945.63	10.66
Village: Lingarajapura Hobli: Kasaba Taluk: Bengaluru North District: Bengaluru Urban					
7	C2/R/4/2-3/Lingarajapura/01	Devaraj JK	CTS.308	-	28.00
8	C2/R/4/2-3/Lingarajapura/02	Selwa M Azzeh	CTS.308 & 309	-	7.00
9	C2/R/4/8-9/Lingarajapura/01	Balachandra Reddy	CTS 1016	-	41.00
10	C2/R/4/8-9/Lingarajapura/02	Road	CTS 1016	-	14.00
11	C2/R/4/8-9/Lingarajapura/03	M/s Help A. Child of India Rept by Administrator Pauljaya Singh	CTS 523	-	34.00

Sd/- Special Land Acquisition Officer-2, K.I.A.D.B.,-(K.R.I.D.E.,), Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru-560001.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
M.I & G.W.D.D. DIVISION, VIJAYAPUR

No.EE/MID/VJP/AE-1/4702/TND/2025-26/1549 **Date: 19.08.2025**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department, Division Vijaypur invites work tenders through "E-Procurement" from eligible contractor on item rate Tender for following works as per KTPP Act-2000 and latest amendments.

4702 Major Works :- Providing New Gates to Bhuyyar Bridge-Cum-Barrage across Bhima River in Indi Taluka of Vijayapur District **(2nd Call), Est. Cost Rs.242.10 Lakhs**, EMD **Rs.3,63,500-00, Tender Period for the above work is Six(6) Months including monsoon.**

Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka E-Procurement website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/portal-home under login for Contractors from **28.08.2025.** Tenders may be submitted on electronically in E-Procurement portal up to **17-30 hrs.** on **06.09.2025.** Interested contractors information regarding works may be obtained from this office or e-Procurement helpdesk (Ph.No.080-25501216 & 080-25501227) upto **17-30 hrs.** on **04.09.2025.** Pre-bid meeting will be held on **03.09.2025** for work costing above 1.00Crore in the office of the Executive Engineer, MI&GWDD Division, Vijaypur. Tenders shall be quoted without adding GST and other details can be seen in the tender documents.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
MI & GWDD Division, Vijayapur

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
(Public Works Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department, Division: Yadgir.
GSTIN:29BLR002252F1DR

No.EE/PWD/Divn/YDG/TS-4/e-Tender/2025-26/ 2393, Dated: 26.08.2025

Short Term e-Tender Notification

1) Details of works: On behalf of Governor of Karnataka as per KTPP Amendment 1999-2000 Act 2000 Standard Bid Document KW-3 Karnataka Public Works Department invited item Rate Tender under KPPP Portal in Two Cover System from Eligible Agency/Contractors for following Works Under 8443 MLC-LAD for the year 2024-25 Work Indent Nos.22392(Providing Digital Computer Labs Fully Furnished with fully equipped and Latest Version Hi-tech/Smart Class lab in Agreeculture Collage at Bheemarayanagudi in Shahapur Taluka, Yadgir District. (Under MLC-LAD for the year 2024-25). **2) Amount Put to Tender:** Miminimum Rs 100.72 Lakhs **3) Contractor Eligible Details:** MSME Certificate **4) Tender Procesing Fee and EMD Details:** Tender Fee, EMD & Period as per kppp portal, **5) Date & Time for receipt of queries:** 30.08.2025 (17.30 hrs) **6) Last Date & Time for submission of the tender in e-procurement portal:** 06.09.2025 (16.00 hrs) **7) Date & Time of Opening of the Tender/Technical Bid:** 08.09.2025 (11.30 hrs Onwards) **8) Date & Time of Opening of the Financial Bid:**10.09.2025 (11.30 hrs Onwards) **9) For More Details Contact:** Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division : Yadgir. **10) Website Address:** https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

NOTE: Any Corrections / Changes will be updated in the kppp Portal only

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PWD Division, Yadgir.

DIP/YDG/222/KSMC&A/2025-26

IN THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE, BELAGAVI

NOTIFICATION NO: 2/2025 **DATED: 16.08.2025**

e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

This office invites e-Bidding request for proposals (Quotations) from Manpower Service providers who are interested to supply the 50 Nos. part time menial- Manpower through outsource to the Belagavi City and Taluka Courts of Belagavi District from eligible and interested Firms/Agencies/Operators having business/branch office through e-procurement portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/)**, for a period of 3 years, renewable each year, from the date of commencement and extendable beyond, until the on-boarding of next subsequent agency. The details of the numbers of manpower required, are as under:

1. Tender Number: **ADM/2/2025 Part Time Menials, dated 16.08.2025**
2. Tender Number (as issued by KPPP): **HCK/2025-26/SE0075 dated 16.08.2025**
3. Tender Name/Services sought for: **50 Nos. Part Time Menial - Manpower through Outsource to the Belagavi City and Taluka Courts of Belagavi District.**
4. Procuring Entity: **The Chief Administrative Officer, District and Sessions Court, Belagavi.**
5. Tendering Authorities : **Inviting Authority - The Chief Administrative Officer, District and Sessions Court, Belagavi.**
Evaluating Authority - The Chief Administrative Officer, District and Sessions Court, Belagavi.
Accepting Authority - Prl. District and Sessions Judge, Belagavi.
Appellate Authority - The Registrar General, Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
6. Validity of the Tender Contract: **3 years, renewable each year, subject to the satisfactory quality/performance or until order of discontinuation of the said services by the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka or the Government of Karnataka.**
7. Bidding Mode : **Service Charge in Percentage(%) upto two decimal places only**
8. Estimated Approximate Total Tender Cost: **₹ 73,53,000/-** per annum (Approx. Estimation based on calculations of wages as prescribed by the Government vide letter cited at reference)
9. EMD Amount: **₹ 1,47,060/-(2% of the estimated cost)**
10. Billing model: **Billing after completion of each calendar month, subject to the satisfactory performance.**
11. Last date for clarifications : **29.08.2025 at 2.00 p.m.**
(Clarifications that does not lead to amendments to the Notification shall not be entertained in 3 days preceding the clarification date. If such amendments are imminent and unavoidable then the liability of repercussions is on the person who raises such clarification)
12. Closing Date & Time for submission of Tender proposal: **30.08.2025 at 3.00 PM**
13. Tender Opening Date & Time : **Technical : 01/09/2025 at 3.00 p.m. Financial: Upon approval of Technical Bid**
14. Office Contact Number & e-mail ID: **0831-2420500, adm1.pdjbgm@gmail.com**
15. Pre-bid Meeting : **29.08.2025 at 1.00 PM., at the Chamber of Chief Administrative Officer, District Court, Belagavi Map: (https://maps.app.goo.gl/8QhGQusfmQVGjKTi7)**
16. Pre-bid Meeting Attendance compulsory: **Yes. Certificate of Attendance issued by this Office, to be uploaded at relevant column in KPP portal.**

Sd/-
Chief Administrative Officer,
District and Sessions Court, Belagavi.

DIPR/CP/2509/Zen/2025-26

US' punitive tariff

The struggle begins

Textile industry may see temporary job loss

MAHESH KULKARNI
BENGALURU, DHNS

[TEXTILE]

Implementation of 50% tariffs by the US administration from April 27 is expected to hit employment in the textiles sector in the short run, especially for vulnerable sections like MSME organisations and women employees. In the medium to long run, this sector can remain resilient by focusing on diversification across geographies, especially European Union as well as a huge and growing domestic market, according to Sonal Arora, Country Manager, GI Group Holding.

TEXTILES
India's Exports to US $ bn : **3**
Share in total US export: **3.4**
Share of US export in India's total export to world %: **48.4**
MFN Tariff: **9.00**
MFN Tariff effective from 27th Aug 25
59.00

Major textile and apparel export destinations for India are the US and EU which account for 47% of the total textile and apparel exports. The US is the largest importer, picking up 29% of India's total textile and apparel exports.

"It must be noted that this sector is already under pressure and experiencing a worrying decline in total export value. India's garment exports in 2023-24 were $14.5 billion, compared to $15 billion in 2013-14. Whereas Vietnam and Bangladesh's garment exports grew significantly during the same period, reaching $33.4 billion and $43.8 billion, respectively," Arora said.

This is in the context of pre-April 2025, when Indian textiles faced standard 8–12% Most Favoured Nations (MFN) tariffs. While Indian products now face a 50% tariff, the applicable rates for Bangladesh and Vietnam are 20%, she said.

"However, we must also consider the fact that Indian exports to the US represents only 6% of the overall Indian textile industry, which is valued at $179 billion (domestic $142 billion and exports $37 billion)," she said.

The textiles and apparel industry in India is currently the second largest employer in the country, providing direct employment to 4.5 crore people. Less than 20% of the workforce is employed in large scale factories. The rest are attached to micro, small, and household-based enterprises.

Cotton duty exemption extended exporters relieved

E.T.B. SIVAPRIYAN
CHENNAI DHNS

[COTTON]

In a bid to give some relief to the country's textile sector hit by the US' punishing 50% tariff that came into effect on Wednesday, the union government in an order extended an import duty exemption on cotton by three months, until the end of December.

Though the waiver of the 11% import duty won't fully offset the potential losses caused by US tariffs on Indian imports, the textile hubs of Coimbatore and Tiruppur welcomed the move on Thursday, saying it would help cool down yarn prices, which will be highly beneficial for the sector.

KNITTED APPARELS
India's Exports to US $ bn : **3**
Share in total US export: **3.1**
Share of US export in India's total export to world %: **34.5**
MFN Tariff: **13.90**
MFN Tariff effective from 27th Aug 25
63.90

The Southern India Mills' Association (SIMA) acknowledged the decision as timely relief for the textile industry as this extension will not only enable exporters to meet existing commitments but also help seize summer market opportunities overseas. SIMA also urged textile mills and exporters not to panic but to focus on identifying new markets while simultaneously strengthening their presence in the domestic market.

Dr S K Sundararaman, Chairman, SIMA, said the duty waiver will not negatively affect cotton farmers since production has fallen below 295 lakh bales, compared to the industry requirement of 318 lakh bales. He noted this has resulted in the lowest closing stock ever, causing a raw material shortage.

TN's leather & seafood exporters stumped

E.T.B. SIVAPRIYAN
CHENNAI DHNS

[LEATHER]

Leather goods manufacturers in Tamil Nadu, who account for 30% of the country's total leather exports to the US, are facing a major crisis as their US buyers are demanding heavy discounts on finished goods and asking them to hold back fresh orders.

This sector is among the hardest hit following US President Donald Trump's decision to impose a 50% penalty tariff on Indian imports.

Likewise, the seafood industry in Tamil Nadu, which exports frozen shrimp, squid, cuttlefish, sea crabs, and octopus to the US, has also been adversely affected by the high tariff, forcing producers to scale down production. Although Tamil Nadu accounts for just 5% of India's total seafood exports to the US, it remains a key market -- about 65% of the shrimp exported from the state is sent there.

K V V Mohanan, Vice-President of the Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI), told *DH* that many US buyers have asked exporters to place stocks on hold. "It's not just that; buyers from other countries importing seafood, like shrimp, are taking advantage of the situation by demanding discounts. We cannot handle this situation alone," he elaborated.

"US buyers have clearly told us to hold orders and are bargaining hard for discounts," he added.

Mohanan also called upon the Union Government to reinstate the 3% interest subvention granted to the industry and to resolve export issues with the EU. He also warned that if the situation continues, layoffs are likely.

Tamil Nadu is home to approximately 674 leather and footwear manufacturing factories, with major production hubs located in Ambur, Ranipet, Vaniyambadi, Trichy, Chennai, and Dindigul.

The US tariffs will impact exporters who primarily deal with the American market -- many export over 60% of their goods there. Exporters say that buyers are demanding discounts of up to 20% on completed orders and have sought to put fresh or pipeline orders on hold.

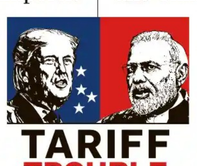
Israr Ahmed, past Regional Chairman of the Council for Leather Exports, told *DH* that many exporters managed to front load shipments before the deadline, the impact of the tariffs is likely to be felt later in the year.

Diamond polishers face 28-30% revenue loss in FY26

BENGALURU, DHNS

[JEWELLERY]

India's natural diamond polishing industry faces a steep 28-30% fall in revenues to about $12.50 billion this fiscal, as compared to $16 billion in FY25, after the imposition of 50% tariffs (25% reciprocal plus 25% penalty) by the US. The blow will pile on a 40% de-growth the industry saw over the past three years due to fall in both prices and sales volume of natural diamond, with demand receding in the US and China and growing competition from lab-grown diamonds, according to Crisil Ratings research.



The 50% tariffs, effective August 27, makes exports to the US tough for two reasons: one, the industry's low margins make absorption of the incremental levy very difficult and two, declining demand means passing on the incremental burden to consumers will not be easy. The consequent reduced operating leverage could erode the operating margin of diamond polishers by 50-100 basis points and pressurise their credit profiles, an analysis of 43 diamond polishers by Crisil shows.

US IMPORTS_ TOP 10 COUNTRY WISE SHARE IN GEMS AND JEWELLERY

	2022	2023	2024	Current Tariff Rate
Switzerland	12.16	9.10	16.79	39%
India	**16.54**	**13.61**	**13.00**	**50%**
Canada	7.75	14.75	11.3	35%
South Africa	8.57	8.70	9.60	30%
Mexico	5.40	6.21	6.56	25%
Israel	6.89	6.46	4.84	15%
Australia	3.39	3.74	3.60	10%
Italy	2.80	3.05	2.67	15%
Hong Kong	1.33	1.24	2.60	30%
Belgium	4.44	3.37	2.55	15%

Russian oil imports set to rise in September in defiance of US

MOSCOW/LONDON, REUTERS: Russian oil exports to India are set to rise in September, dealers said, as New Delhi defies the US punitive tariffs designed to force the country to stop the trade and push Moscow towards a peace deal with Ukraine.

Three trading sources involved in oil sales to India said Indian refiners would increase Russian oil purchases in September by 10-20% from August levels, or by 150,000-300,000 barrels per day. The sources, who cited preliminary purchases data, could not be named because they were not authorised to speak publicly on the issue.

In the first 20 days of August, India imported 1.5 million barrels per day of Russian crude, unchanged from July but slightly below the average of 1.6 million bpd in January-June, according to data from Vortexa analysts. The volumes are equal to around 1.5% of global supply, making India the largest buyer of seaborne Russian crude.

Industrial output growth rises to 4-month high of 3.5% in July

Consumption-oriented sectors post robust growth

GYANENDRA KESHRI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

India's industrial production growth rose to a four-month high of 3.5% in July, sharply higher from 1.5% in the previous month, driven by rebound in manufacturing activities, as per data released by the National Statistics Office on Thursday.

The factory output growth, measured by the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), was 5% in July 2024.

Manufacturing sector growth rose to 5.4% in July from 4.7% recorded in the same month last year. However, mining production dipped by 7.2% year-on-year. Power production growth slowed to 0.6% in July from 7.9% recorded in the same month last year.

Consumption-oriented sectors grew due to both domestic and export performance. Consumer durables improved markedly (7.7% vs 2.8%), driven by automobiles and electronic products.

Consumer non-durables saw only a smaller rise (0.5% vs -0.9%) as food products remained weak. The coming months could see some softening of these exports, weighed by higher US tariffs and from slower growth with trade partners.

"But an improvement in domestic consumption, particularly led by stronger rural demand, could provide some offset," said Dipti Deshpande, Principal Economist, Crisil.

On the use-based side, all the six categories recorded an improvement in their growth performance in July 2025 vis-à-vis June 2025, said Aditi Nayar, Chief Economist at ICRA.

The output for infrastructure/construction goods surged to a 21-month high of 11.9%, aided by robust growth in construction inputs such as cement and steel, suggesting that construction activity is likely to have remained strong in the month.

Besides, the growth in consumer durables output rose to a 7-month high of 7.7% in the month, likely aided by pre-festive stocking, in line with the pickup in growth of GST e-way bills.

Interestingly, capital goods output has risen by a healthy 8.6% during April-July 2025, supported by factors such as machinery exports and Government capex. The latter is likely to report a year-on-year slowdown in the months ahead, on last year's back-ended base. Moreover, the outlook for private capex activity remains lacklustre, owing to the heightened global uncertainty, particularly around the tariff-related developments and their impact on India's exports.

Out of 23 sectors, 12 had a higher growth than the industrial output in July 2025, highest since August 2024 (13). The combined weight of these 12 sectors in July 2025 was 41.6% (June 2025: 46.2%). Sectors such as manufacture of basic metals, fabricated metal products, electrical equipment, other transport equipment, recorded double-digit output growth in July 2025, said Paras Jasrai, Associate Director, India Ratings and Research.

NALCO to invest Rs 30K cr to build smelter, power plant

NEW DELHI, REUTERS

National Aluminium Company (NALCO) will invest a total of Rs 30,000 crore ($3.43 billion) in a new smelter and a coal power plant over the next five years, Chairman and Managing Director Brijendra Pratap Singh said on Thursday.

The state-run aluminium producer will budget roughly Rs 18,000 crore to set up the proposed smelter in the eastern Indian state of Odisha, Singh told reporters in New Delhi.

The project will be funded through a mix of debt and internal accruals, he added.

The remaining Rs 12,000 crore will be used to set up a thermal power plant, for which it is in talks with Coal India and NTPC, Singh said.

Singh said NALCO was also looking to acquire new mines in the country to dig up coal and bauxite, the ore from which aluminium is produced.

It already operates bauxite mines and an alumina refinery in the state of Odisha.

The firm is also conducting eligibility studies at five mines in Argentina for lithium, a mineral used in making batteries for electric vehicles, Singh said.

Through its joint venture Khanij Bidesh India Limited (KABIL) - inked with Hindustan Copper and Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Limited - NALCO is also looking at equity investments in Australian lithium assets, he added.

India has been forming global partnerships to gain access to lithium mines.

Rapido makes micro-entrepreneurs of women in AP

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B Bhavani from Vijayawada

With an electric scooter and a smartphone, women across Andhra Pradesh are steering their families into a brighter future. A quiet revolution is unfolding on the streets of cities like Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam, and Nellore, where women from Self-Help Groups (SHGs) have turned into proud micro-entrepreneurs, ferrying passengers through Rapido and bringing home a steady income.

Under the government's "One Family, One Entrepreneur" vision, the Mission for Elimination of Poverty in Municipal Areas (MEPMA) joined hands with ride aggregator Rapido to provide electric two-wheelers and three-wheelers to SHG women and their families.

As part of the pilot phase, the government had facilitated loans for 1,000 beneficiaries across 9 urban centers in the state, with 400 each in Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada, 50 in Nellore and Guntur, and 25 each in Kurnool, Tirupati, Kakinada, and Rajahmundry. Of these, about 760 were electric two-wheelers and 240 were electric three-wheelers.

The loans are issued in the name of SHG women, but if a woman does not hold a driving license, a family member with a license is allowed to operate the vehicle on her behalf. To make the process simple, MEPMA prepared the necessary project reports and helped women secure loans from nationalised banks under the Self-Employment Programme (SEP) scheme.

The partnership with Rapido brought additional support. New entrants enjoyed a waiver on platform onboarding fees for three to four months and monthly EMI assistance of Rs 1,000 for the first year, for both two-wheelers and three-wheelers.

Sivakasi can now export via Chennai Port after 15 yrs

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SIVAKASI, DHNS

Fireworks manufacturers in Sivakasi, popularly known as Little Japan for its vibrant workforce, will soon be able to export firecrackers directly from Chennai Port after nearly 15 years.

This development follows approval granted by the Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO) for two coastal berths (CB1 and CB2) at Chennai Port to handle IMDG Class 1 dangerous goods (explosives) in containers, as announced in a circular issued on July 30, 2025.

The fireworks industry in Sivakasi is valued at around Rs 6,000 crore, meeting over 90% of the country's firecracker demand. Sivakasi and its neighbouring areas have about 1,108 factories producing firecrackers of all kinds, including the fancy crackers that light up the sky.

Resuming exports will not only enhance the competitiveness of this cluster but also showcase its innovation in producing green crackers -- an eco-friendly alternative designed to reduce particulate matter (PM) emissions and address growing environmental concerns.

However, challenges remain. Supreme Court's ban on barium nitrate, a key chemical traditionally essential for fireworks manufacturing, continues to affect production.

Industry representatives told *DH* that the Centre should permit the use of Barium Nitrate for fireworks intended solely for export, noting that many international markets still prefer conventional fireworks, though they may transition to green crackers in the long run.

Historically, Sivakasi's fireworks were exported to markets such as the US, Europe, Australia, and South Africa, but they ceased in the early 2000s mainly due to logistical challenges.

Equity investors' wealth erodes by Rs 9.69 lakh crore in 2 days

NEW DELHI, PTI: Equity investors became poorer by Rs 9.69 lakh crore in two days of sharp fall in the stock markets, where the benchmark Sensex tumbled 1,555 points.

The additional 25% tariff imposed by the US on India came into effect on Wednesday, bringing the total amount of levies imposed on New Delhi to 50%. Also, relentless foreign fund outflows dented investors' sentiment.

On Thursday, the 30-share BSE Sensex tanked 705.97 points or 0.87% to settle at 80,080.57. During the day, it dropped 773.52 points or 0.95% to 80,013.02.

In two days, the benchmark has plummeted 1,555.34 points or 1.90%. The market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms declined by Rs 9,69,740.79 crore to Rs 4,45,17,222.66 crore in two days.

Cognizant CEO Ravi Kumar S named to 2025 TIME 100 AI List

BENGALURU, DHNS: Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp on Thursday announced that CEO Ravi Kumar S has been named to the 2025 TIME 100 AI list. This recognition highlights Kumar's visionary leadership and contributions to the field of enterprise AI.

Ravi Kumar S

The TIME 100 AI list highlights the most influential leaders, thinkers, scientists, and policymakers across various fields, who are shaping today's AI landscape. Inclusion on this list not only reflects Kumar's dedication and contributions to advancing AI technology but also underscores Cognizant's commitment to driving innovation and excellence across the industry, the company said in a statement.

Under Kumar's leadership, Cognizant pledged $1 billion in 2023 to accelerate enterprise AI.

Rupee snaps losing streak against weak dollar

MUMBAI, REUTERS: The rupee advanced on Thursday after five straight sessions of logging losses, as a weaker dollar and bets of central bank intervention outweighed the impact of additional U.S. tariffs.

The rupee closed marginally up 0.06% at 87.6250 against 87.6800 on Tuesday. Indian markets were closed on Wednesday for a local holiday.

The currency had appreciated to as much as 87.5250 in early trade on Thursday before drifting weaker on what bankers said was broad-based dollar demand, as importers stepped up hedges on the conviction that steep U.S. tariffs leave little room for upside for the rupee.

The Reserve Bank of India likely stepped in on Tuesday to curb losses after the rupee came under pressure and dipped to an intraday low of 87.80, when Washington confirmed additional tariffs on Indian goods.

TENNIS US OPEN

Alcaraz fire singes Bellucci

Djokovic survives Svajda scare; Sabalenka asserts control to advance

NEW YORK, AFP

Carlos Alcaraz stormed into the third round of the US Open with a blistering straight-sets victory on Wednesday as Novak Djokovic overcame an early scare to advance.

Alcaraz, who could meet Djokovic in the semifinals at Flushing Meadows if the draw follows the seedings, blew away Italy's Mattia Bellucci 6-1, 6-0, 6-3 in just one hour 36 minutes on Arthur Ashe Stadium.

The 22-year-old Spanish second seed unfurled a stream of 32 winners in a dominant display against the 65th-ranked Bellucci, whose best performance in a Grand Slam came with a run to the third round at Wimbledon earlier this year.

Elsewhere Wednesday, Serbian legend Djokovic kept his dream of a record 25th Grand Slam singles title alive after a four-set defeat of American qualifier Zachary Svajda.

Djokovic though was forced to dig deep after losing the first set before claiming a 6-7 (5/7), 6-3, 6-3, 6-1 win.

Djokovic's victory sees him into the third round at the US Open for a record-equalling 19th time, where he will face Britain's Cameron Norrie, who defeated Argentina's Francisco Comesana 7-6 (7/5), 6-3, 6-7 (0/7), 7-6 (7/4).

Fourth seed Taylor Fritz advanced safely, beating South Africa's Lloyd Harris 4-6, 7-6 (7/3), 6-2, 6-4, while American compatriot Frances Tiafoe, seeded 17, also progressed with a four-set defeat of qualifier Martin Damm. Tiafoe won 6-4, 7-5, 6-7 (8/10), 7-5.

In the women's draw, meanwhile, defending champion and world No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka moved into the next round with a workmanlike display to dispatch unseeded Russian Polina Kudermetova 7-6 (7/4), 6-2.

Sabalenka started slowly but after taking the first set on a tie-break, asserted her control to pull away in the second. The Belarusian will play Canada's Leylah Fernandez in the third round.

Elsewhere Wednesday's Latvia's 25th seed Jelena Ostapenko was upset 7-5, 6-1 by Taylor Townsend before unleashing a furious on-court tirade at the American.

In other matches, Britain's Emma Raducanu continued her solid start to the tournament after dispatching Indonesian qualifier Janice Tjen in straight sets, winning 6-2, 6-1.

Tjen had become the first Indonesian player to reach the main draw of a Grand Slam in 21 years and followed that up with a first round upset of 24th seed Veronika Kudermetova.

While Tjen headed for the exit, another player from Southeast Asia, the Philippines' Alexandra Eala, also saw her tournament come to an end.

Fourth seed Jessica Pegula is also into the third round after beating Russian Anna Blinkova 6-1, 6-3. There was a win too for veteran Victoria Azarenka, the 36-year-old two-time Australian Open champion from Belarus, who defeated Russia's Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 6-3, 6-3.

Results (prefix denotes seeding): Men: 2nd Round: 7-Novak Djokovic (Srb) bt Zachary Svajda (USA) 6-7 (5/7), 6-3, 6-3, 6-1; Jan-Lennard Struff (Ger) bt 11-Holger Rune (Den) 7-6 (7/5), 2-6, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5; 4-Taylor Fritz (USA) bt Lloyd Harris (Rsa) 4-6, 7-6 (7/3), 6-2, 6-4; 6-Ben Shelton (USA) bt Pablo Carreno Busta (Esp) 6-4, 6-2, 6-4; 2-Carlos Alcaraz (Esp) bt Mattia Bellucci (Ita) 6-1, 6-0, 6-3.
Women: 1-Aryna Sabalenka (Blr) bt Polina Kudermetova (Rus) 7-6 (7/4), 6-2; 9-Elena Rybakina (Kaz) bt Tereza Valentova (Cze) 6-3, 7-6 (9/7); 7-Jasmine Paolini (Ita) bt Iva Jovic (USA) 6-3, 6-3; 4-Jessica Pegula (USA) bt Anna Blinkova (RUS) 6-1, 6-3; 5-Mirra Andreeva (Rus) bt Anastasia Potapova (Rus) 6-1, 6-3.

Carlos Alcaraz of Spain returns during his second round win over Mattia Bellucci of Italy in the US Open on Wednesday. IMAGN IMAGES

Medvedev fined $42,500 for first-round meltdown

NEW YORK, AP: Daniil Medvedev **(in pic)** was fined a total of $42,500 by the US Open — more than a third of his $110,000 tournament prize money — for his meltdown during a first-round loss after a photographer wandered onto the court during the match.

Tournament referee Jake Garner docked Medvedev $30,000 for unsportsmanlike conduct and another $12,500 for racket abuse. When the match ended, Medvedev repeatedly smacked a racket against his sideline chair, destroying the equipment.

Tensions rise

US Open opponents Taylor Townsend and Jelena Ostapenko got into a face-to-face argument on the Court 11 sideline right after Townsend won their second-round match 7-5, 6-1.

Ashwin closes the chapter on IPL

Off-spinner hints at exploring T20 gigs globally

ASHWIN IN IPL

■ Mat: 221, W: 187, BBM: 4/34, Ave: 30.23, Eco: 7.20.

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MA Chidambaram Stadium, IPL final, April 2011. Royal Challengers Bangalore (Bengaluru now) chasing 206 for the title. Chris Gayle in the middle of a run-rush season (608 runs at 67.55). Enter R Ashwin, with a new, white Kookaburra ball. The battle, however, lasted only three deliveries. And the bait? A classic off-spinner's set-up. Two balls going away, and the third, skidding on, kissing the outside edge, leaving the keeper to do the rest.

Since that day, Ashwin has outfoxed plenty of batters, questioned many umpires, put match referees to the test, dropped commentators' jaws, provoked spirit-of-the-game debates and also delighted thousands of fans.

However, on a quiet Wednesday morning, Ashwin announced his retirement from IPL cricket, through a short post on social media.

"They say every ending will have a new start, my time as an IPL cricketer comes to a close today, but my time as an explorer of the game around various leagues begins today," Ashwin posted on X.

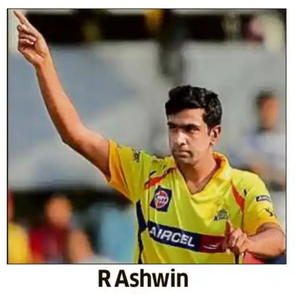
Over 16 years and 221 matches, he picked up 187 wickets at an economy of 7.2, ending fifth on the most-wicket takers' list.

While the retirement in itself wasn't surprising, the timing was unexpected; especially after seeking his release from CSK. While the off-spinner wasn't an IPL discovery per se, as he had already played several first-class games for Tamil Nadu, it was in this tournament that the 38-year-old was noticed.

Ashwin had two fundamental traits: curiosity and discipline. The experimentation came with curiosity – be it the carrom ball, the reverse carrom, leg spin, arm-ball, under-cutter, flipper – he tried it all. He showed commitment to mastering it and the patience to refine them. While the IPL showered a lot on Ashwin, he was also not a stranger to strong opinions. For example, when Jos Buttler was outside the bowling crease at the non-striker's end, Ashwin ignited the spirit-of-cricket sparks by running him out. Though it wasn't the first time he had done so, the stage attracted plenty more attention. While Ashwin's international career in T20s was all but over in 2017, his IPL career moved uninterrupted. To stay relevant, he worked on his power-hitting. Back home, he started opening in the TNPL. And he made a comeback to India's T20 team and made the cut for the 2021 and 2022 T20 World Cups.

In the end, he left the way he came, playing for Chennai Super Kings. Ashwin returned to his beloved franchise for Rs 9.75 crore and featured only in nine of the 14 games in his homecoming season.

There was, however, no sign of leaving the stage. Then, just like his Test retirement, this one too came out of the blue. Not shocking, but definitely unexpected. But the image of Ashwin -- a mind reader, master craftsman and someone who never stopped trying -- will endure.



R Ashwin

Indian Super League likely set for December start

VIGNESH BHARADWAJ
BENGALURU, DHNS

If all goes well, the Indian Super League (ISL) is set to get underway in December. The proposal submitted by the All India Football Federation (AIFF) and the Football Sports Development Limited (FSDL) to the Supreme Court on Thursday indicated as much.

The tournament came to a standstill after the AIFF and its commercial partner, FSDL, failed to renew the Master Rights Agreement (MRA), which is set to expire on December 8.

After a long stand-off, both the parties finally seem to have agreed for a "transparent tender" process for the selection of ISL's commercial partner and came to a "consensual resolution" in the larger interest of the public.

"The AIFF has agreed that it would conduct an open, competitive and transparent tender (or equivalent process) for selection of a commercial partner to conduct the ISL in line with the best global practices," the proposal to the court stated. "Such process will be conducted in conformity with the National Sports Development Code 2011, the National Sports Governance Act 2025, the AIFF Constitution and applicable FIFA/Asian Football Confederation (AFC) regulations." Both AIFF and FSDL were also on the same page with respect to the expected conclusion of the process (October 15), thereby providing clarity and certainty to clubs, broadcasters and stakeholders with respect to the future. Subject to the AFC approval, the new season could commence in December.For the timely commencement of the calendar, the both parties have also agreed that the season will kickstart with the Super Cup or a competition under the control of the AIFF.

FIFA ban threat for AIFF

In joint a letter addressed to AIFF president Kalyan Chaubey, the International Football Association (FIFA) and the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) have issued a fresh suspension warning if the new constitution isn't implemented by October 30.

The international bodies communicated their "profound concern" over AIFF's failure over finalising its constitution, with the matter pending before SC since 2017.

They have directed the AIFF to secure a "definitive order" from the top court, approving the revised constitution.

Anahat shines with a hat-trick

NEW DELHI, PTI: Top seed Anahat Singh breezed her way to a third successive title in the HCL National Squash Championships with a win over Akansha Salunkhe, while Velavan Senthilkumar reclaimed the domestic crown by beating the defending champion Abhay Singh here on Thursday.

The 17-year-old Anahat, India's highest ranked female player in the world, completed a hat-trick of titles with a 11-7, 11-6, 11-4 win over second seed Salunkhe.

Dakshin Dare returns

BENGALURU, DHNS: South India's only cross-country rally, the Dakshin Dare, roared back into action this week as the 14th edition of the gruelling event was flagged off here by FMSCI president Arindam Ghosh.

Over the next five days, from August 27 to 31, a field of 18 cars and 32 bikes will fight through 2,200 kilometres of punishing dirt and dust, making it one of the toughest motorsport tests in the country.

Grimsby Town's players celebrate after beating Manchester United in a penalty shootout on Wednesday. AP

4th-tier Grimsby humble United

LONDON, AFP

Manchester United suffered an embarrassing League Cup exit to fourth-tier Grimsby on Wednesday, losing 12-11 in a marathon penalty shootout after a 2-2 draw.

League Two side Grimsby led 2-0 with just 15 minutes to play thanks to goals from Charles Vernam and Tyrell Warren.

Bryan Mbeumo had sparked a late rally from the Red Devils with his first goal for the club, but the Cameroonian missed the decisive spot-kick to pile more pressure on under-fire United boss Ruben Amorim.

The Portuguese coach was already facing scrutiny after a winless start to United's Premier League season.

The 20-time English champions finished 15th last season in their worst league campaign since being relegated in 1974.

Now one of their only two realistic shots at a trophy this season has disappeared in one of the worst results in history.

Amorim made eight changes from the side that drew 1-1 at Fulham on Sunday, but still named a side that cost hundreds of millions of pounds, packed full of internationals.

Benjamin Sesko made his first United start after a £74 million move from RB Leipzig while Andre Onana returned on a night to forget.

Under-fire India set for Tajikistan test

HISOR, PTI

Khalid Jamil

India begin their campaign against co-hosts Tajikistan in their first ever CAFA Nations Cup participation here on Friday, far away from the turmoil the clubs of the 23-member squad have been facing due to the uncertainty over the future of Indian Super League (ISL).

Newly-appointed head coach Khalid Jamil's task is cut out as he is taking the eight-nation tournament of mostly Central Asian countries as a preparation for the more crucial Asian Cup qualifying round matches against Singapore on October 9 and 14.

Jamil also had to come here without Mohun Bagan Super Giant players, seven of whom were not released by the club on the ground that the tournament does not strictly fall in the FIFA international match window. Star striker Sunil Chhetri was also left out after Jamil spoke to him "as it is just a preparatory tournament" for the more important Asian Cup qualifiers.

India have been placed in Group B, and after Friday, they face Iran on September 1 and Afghanistan on September 4.

Group A, meanwhile, consists of co-hosts Uzbekistan, Kyrgyz Republic, Turkmenistan, and Oman.

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RCB break their silence on stampede

Three months after a tragic stampede killed 11 of their fans, under-fire franchise Royal Challengers Bengaluru finally broke their silence, saying they chose to stay quiet owing to the grief the incident caused, reports DHNS from Bengaluru.

In a statement released on various social media platforms which looked they are launching an initiative, the franchise said they stand by the victims and wishing to bring some meaningful action.

"Dear 12th Man Army, this is our heartfelt letter to you! It's been close to three months since we last posted here. The Silence wasn't Absence. It was Grief. This space was once filled with energy, memories and moments that you enjoyed the most.. But June 4th changed everything. That day broke our hearts, and the silence since then has been our way of holding space.

"In that silence, we've been grieving. Listening. Learning. And slowly, we've begun to build something more than just a response. Something we truly believe in. That's how RCB CARES came to life. It grew out of a need to honour, to heal, and to stand beside our fans. A platform for meaningful action shaped by our community & fans. We return to this space today, not with celebration but with care. To share. To stand with you. To walk forward, together. To continue being the pride of Karnataka. RCB CARES. And we always will."

Apart from 11 lost lives, several hundreds were injured when their poorly planned maiden IPL victory celebrations turned catastrophic.

HOCKEY ASIA CUP

Indians' best shot at WC ticket

Harmanpreet & Co take on tricky China in their opener

HITA PRAKASH
RAJGIR, DHNS

A lot can happen in a year. The Indian men's hockey team, following their bronze medal-winning campaign at the 2024 Paris Olympics, has tasted little joy with fortunes taking a nosedive in various tournaments over the last few months.

For coach Craig Fulton's men, the first year of the next Olympic cycle has been testing to put it mildly.

After defending their title at the Asian Champions Trophy (ACT) by beating hosts China, India's performance in the FIH Pro league took a massive beating as they finished a dismal eighth on the nine-team table to miss out on a direct qualification for the World Cup scheduled to be held in the Netherlands and Belgium next year.

However, all is not lost yet. The 12th Asia Cup, which begins in Rajgir (Bihar) from Friday, has an automatic qualification at stake for the winners. It's the incentive the Harmanpreet Singh-led side is committed to secure during the 10-day eight-team event.

Having flown into the eastern Indian state from Australia after playing four friendlies, which they lost 1-3 to the fifth-ranked Kookaburras, the exposure tour, aimed at sharpening the rough edges, hopefully has served its purpose.

While all eyes will be on skipper Harmanpreet -- the 29-year-defender-dragflicker who takes pride and joy in being a multi-tasker -- the stage could well be other flick specialist Jugraj Singh's opportunity to outshine his senior.

The world No. 7 India are clubbed with China, Japan and Kazakhstan in Pool A while Malaysia, Korea, Bangladesh and Chinese Taipei make up Pool B. The hosts open their campaign against known foes China at the Rajgir Hockey Stadium. The last time the two teams faced each other was almost a year ago at the ACT where India won 3-0 in the group stage before resisting an improved show by China in the final to score a 1-0 victory.

Led by Chongcong Chen, the 23rd-ranked China are no pushovers. Neither are Japan (world No. 18), who are expected to step on to the field to pose their own set of threats against India on Sunday before the hosts take on underdogs Kazakhstan (world No. 81) on September 1.

Korea, the defending champions and five-time Asia Cup winners, are the opponents India would be wary of when the teams, in all likelihood, come face-to-face in the Super4s stage.

The hosts, competing with favourites' tag, last won the Asia Cup in 2017. A year ago, India were busy celebrating their third-place finish at the Paris Games. One year from now, the team will be engrossed in the final preparatory phase for the Asian Games.

Leaving behind the past, Fulton and Co admit they are focussed only on the present. And a favourable result here will mean a great deal.

India's Head Coach Craig Fulton (centre) addresses the team during a warm-up session, ahead of their match against China in the Men's Asia Cup Hockey in Rajgir on Thursday. PTI

MEN'S ASIA CUP - TEAMS

Pool A
- India
- Japan
- China
- Kazakhstan

Pool B
- Malaysia
- Korea
- Chinese Taipei
- Bangladesh

INDIA'S Pool A SCHEDULE
Aug 29: vs China
Aug 31: vs Japan
Sept 1: vs Kazakhstan

TODAY'S MATCHES
Pool B: Malaysia vs Bangladesh (9 am); Korea vs Chinese Taipei (11 am).
Pool A: Japan vs Kazakhstan (1 pm); India vs China (3 pm).

LIVE ON SONY SPORTS NETWORK

'Not taking anyone lightly'

HITA PRAKASH
RAJGIR, DHNS

On home turf with the best of their players fit and ready to deliver. A big crowd on their side. Confidence from being the reigning Olympic bronze medallists.

The entire set-up of the Asia Cup, which will get underway here on Friday, is in favour of the Indian men's team. Winning the event isn't merely a pre-tournament prediction but a statement of certainty.

But to lift the trophy, captain Harmanpreet understands that success, in spite of all the favourable factors, is earned and not awarded.

"You can call it ranking pressure or something on those lines," the skipper said during the press interaction on Thursday when asked about the pressures of being the top-ranked team.

"But we're approaching this tournament with the same mindset that we do during the Olympics or any other major event. All the teams are good and we are not taking anyone lightly."

Paddy Upton, the mental conditioning expert, travelling with Harmanpreet and his team has perhaps given them an extra boost to navigate through a different sort of expectation.

"It's good that Paddy is with us (for this event). So the sessions have been about handling tough situations during a game. We have also focussed on staying alert 2-3 minutes after scoring a goal or the start of the third and fourth quarters. Because that's a crucial time (in a game) when goals get concealed or we rush to make more goals (leading to mistakes)."

Terming it a flagship event of the year for the team, head coach Craig Fulton pointed out that the emphasis during the training camps have been on tactics.

Shaurya Bhattacharya tees off in the third round of the Kolar Open on Tuesday.

Shaurya fires superb 66 to rise to the top

KOLAR, DHNS: Delhi's Shaurya Bhattacharya delivered a tournament low score of six-under 66 to build a three-shot lead at a total of eight-under 208 in round three of the Rs 1 crore Kolar Open 2025 at Zion Hills.

Bhattacharya (70-72-66), a two-time winner on the PGTI and a winner earlier this year, moved up four spots from his overnight fifth place as a result of his 66. However, Shaurya's 66 was not counted as the course record as the rule of preferred lie was in application during the third round.

Pune's Udayan Mane (73-67-71), who ended up as the round two leader following his course record score of 67 on Wednesday, came up with a 71 on Thursday to drop down to second place at five-under 211.

Honey Baisoya (70) of the DLF Golf & Country Club, Gurugram, and Nepal's Subash Tamang (72) were tied third at three-under 213.

Twenty-two-year-old Bhattacharya, who was two shots off the lead at the start of round three, got on a roll with three early birdies on the first four holes where he made some terrific up and downs.

Bhattacharya, who has five top-10s to his name this year including a victory, continued to use his wedges to great effect when he added three more birdies from the 10th through the 12th. Bhattacharya's two bogeys on the last five holes were negated by another two birdies on the same stretch. He thus closed the round with some daylight between himself and the rest of the field.

Leading scores (after 54 holes): **208:** Shaurya Bhattacharya (70, 72, 66); **211:** Udayan Mane (73, 67, 71); **213:** Honey Baisoya (68, 75, 70), Subash Tamang (72, 69, 72); **214:** Kshitij Naveed Kaul (74, 69, 71).

Clarke undergoes sixth surgery for skin cancer

MELBOURNE, PTI: Former Australia captain Michael Clarke has undergone a sixth surgery for skin cancer, this time to remove a lesion from his nose.

The 44-year-old 2015 World Cup-winning skipper posted a post-operative picture on Instagram, urging people to prioritise regular skin checks, especially in countries with high sun exposure such as Australia.

"Skin cancer is real! Especially in Australia. Another one cut out of my nose today. A friendly reminder to get your skin checked. Prevention is better than cure but in my case, regular check ups and early detection is key," he wrote on instagram.

Clarke was first diagnosed with skin cancer in 2006 during his playing career and has since undergone several procedures. In 2019, he had three non-melanoma lesions removed, including one from his forehead. In 2023, he required 27 stitches after a basal cell carcinoma was removed from his chest.

Sindhu turns the clock back

Indian stuns World No. 2 Wang; Dhruv-Tanisha soar into quarters

PARIS, PTI

India's PV Sindhu celebrates her win over China's Wang Zhi Yi in the pre-quarterfinals of the BWF World Championships in Paris on Thursday. AFP

Two-time Olympic medallist P V Sindhu stunned World No. 2 Wang Zhi Yi of China to storm into the quarterfinals of the World Championships, while the doubles pairing of Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha Crasto pulled off a shock win over fifth seeds Tang Chun Man and Tse Ying Suet here on Thursday.

The 15th ranked Sindhu, who won the world title in Basel in 2019, took 48 minutes to prevail 21-19, 21-15 in the pre-quarterfinals to lead head-to-head record against the Chinese 3-2.

The 30-year-old Indian will now face World No. 9 Putri Kusuma Wardani of Indonesia in the quarterfinals. Sindhu is now just one victory away from securing a record-equalling sixth World Championships medal. The Indonesian had beaten Sindhu in straight games at the Sudirman Cup earlier this year, though the Indian had prevailed in their Asian Games round-two clash in 2022.

"When I stepped onto the court, she was like any other player for me. I knew it's not going to be easy from round one in a World Championship. You have to fight for every point, every rally. I wanted to give my 100 per cent," Sindhu said after the match.

Sindhu thus extended her remarkable record against Chinese shuttlers at the Worlds, having previously beaten Wang Yihan (2013), Wang Shixian (2014), Li Xuerui (2015), Sun Yu (2017) and Chen Yufei (2017 and 2019) in earlier editions.

Dhruv and Tanisha also pulled off a big upset by stunning Hong Kong World No. 5 pairing of Tang Chun Man and Tse Ying Suet 19-21, 21-12, 21-15 in a 63-minute battle to storm into the quarterfinals as they inched closer to a first ever medal at the worlds.

Indians to assemble in Dubai on Sept 4

NEW DELHI, PTI: The 15-member Indian squad led by Suryakumar Yadav **(in pic)** will assemble in Dubai on September 4 for the Asia Cup, which begins on September 9.

In a departure from the usually laid out convention, players will reach Dubai in a staggered manner from their respective locations unlike on other occasions when the team would first assemble in Mumbai before departure.

The decision was taken keeping logistics in mind and also the travelling convenience of the players.

"All the players will arrive in Dubai by Sept 4 evening and the first nets session will be held on Sept 5 at the ICC Academy. Factoring in the logistical convenience, the players will be allowed to fly in to Dubai from their respective cities," a senior BCCI official told PTI on conditions of anonymity.

Shami toils hard; Malewar marvels

BENGALURU, DHNS

A returning Mohammed Shami was impressive without being incisive but young left-arm spinner Manishi's effort helped East Zone reduce North Zone to 308/6 on the opening day of the Duleep Trophy quarterfinals on Thursday.

Ayush Badoni made a stylish 63 off 60 balls on a rather smooth pitch, but other batters would rue their failure to kick on after getting solid starts. However, the focus was firmly on Shami, who was playing in his first First-Class game since November 2024.

He appeared a bit out of touch in his first two spells, possibly because he was trying to tune his body to the rigours of long-form cricket.

He beat the bat's outside edge a couple of times but the North openers — skipper Ankit Kumar and Shubham Khajuria — negotiated the spell without much difficulty.

Shami's first spell of the day read 5-2-10-0 and the second was 3-0-10-0, both were bowled in the morning session, but he was largely operating in lower gears, trying to assess the conditions and his own body. But there was a marked difference in his third spell right after lunch (4-2-9-0) as a familiar Shami surfaced — quick and testing the batters' judgement outside the off-stump. The occasional in-dippers too appeared as Badoni and Nishant Sindhu copped a couple of blows on their pads.

Danish Malewar

Brief scores: North Zone: 308/6 in 75.2 overs (Shubham Khajuria 26, Ankit Kumar 30, Yash Dhull 39, Ayush Badoni 67, Nishant Sindhu 47, Kanhaiya Wadhawan 42 n.o., Mayank Dagar 28; Manishi 3-90 vs East Zone.
Central Zone: 432/2 in 77 (Aryan Juyal 60, Danish Malewar 198 n.o., Rajat Patidar 125, Yash Rathod 32 n.o.) vs North East Zone.

Four-way tie at the top

BENGALURU, DHNS: Amandeep Drall roared back into form with a solid card of 4-under 68 to take a share of the four-way lead after two rounds in the 12th leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour at Clover Greens in Hosur on Thursday.

Amandeep (75-68) now shares the lead with Khushi Khanijau (75-68), Ananya Garg (72-71) and the first round leader amateur Mannat Brar (70-73). Sneha (76-68), who was one of the four players to shoot the day's best card was fifth, one place ahead of Ridhima Dilawari, who also put herself in contention with a 68 that included an eagle-two, after a first round 77. Ridhima was tied-sixth with Karishma Govind (74-71) at 145.

Leading scores (after 36 holes, A denotes amateur): 143: Amandeep Drall (75, 68), Khushi Khanijau (75, 68), Ananya Garg (72, 71), Mannat Brar (A, 70, 73); **144:** Sneha Singh (76, 68).

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TENNIS
US Open: Second round **(8:30 pm). LIVE** on **Star Sports Network, JioHotstar.**

BADMINTON
World C'ships: Quarterfinal **(12:30 pm). LIVE** on **Star Sports Network.**

HOCKEY
Asia Cup: 9:00 am onwards. **LIVE** on **Sony Sports Network.**

MOTORSPORT
Formula 1: Dutch GP **(practice 1: 4:00 pm). LIVE** on **FanCode, F1 TVPro.**

Gurpreet, Amanpreet sparkle

SHYMKENT, PTI: Gurpreet Singh **(in pic)** led India to a 1-2 finish in the 25m Standard Pistol with Amanpreet Singh securing the silver at the 16th Asian Shooting Championship here Thursday.

The gold and silver from Gurpreet and Amanpreet swelled India's medals tally to 82, including 44 golds, 20 silver and 18 bronze.

The duo also won the team gold along with Harsh Gupta with a combined score of 1709. The other gold medals of the day were won by the 50m Rifle Prone Junior team and 25m Standard Pistol Junior team.

The 37 year old Gurpreet won his first ever gold medal in an international competition and bettered the bronze he had sealed in the Asian Championships in the same event 12 years ago in Tehran.

Both Gurpreet and Amanpreet shot identical scores of 572 but Gurpreet's 18 inner circle shots against Amanpreet's 11 ensured the Army shooter finished on top.

In the junior 25m Standard Pistol event, Suraj Sharma won silver with a score of 571-12x while Tanishq Naidu won the bronze with a score of 568-11x.

Praggu seals GCT finale spot

ST. LOUIS (USA), PTI: Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa sealed his spot in the Grand Chess Tour (GCT) finale after finishing runner-up at the Sinquefield Cup, where American Wesley So clinched the title with a dramatic three-way playoff victory.

So defeated Nodirbek Abdusattorov of Uzbekistan in the ninth and final round to tie with Praggnanandhaa and compatriot Fabiano Caruana on 5.5 points at the top. He then went on to the play-off scoring 1.5 points out of a possible two.

Dragons delight in Mysuru rain

MYSURU, DHNS

The Mangaluru Dragons were crowned champions of the Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 after they defeated Hubli Tigers by 15 runs via the VJD method in the final at the Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar Stadium here on Thursday.

Dragons, who were 85/2 in 10.4 overs when rain had the final say, had eight wickets in hand and were 15 runs ahead of the par score during their chase of 155.

Having opted to bat first, the Tigers were off to a brisk start Mohammed Taha taking on the attack while Devdutt Paddikkal held up his end. The openers put on 38 before Padikkal was dismissed for 10 off 7 balls, with the score at 38/1, midway through the third over. Taha was joined by KL Shrijith, and the duo kept up the momentum. However, in the sixth over, Taha was scalped by Macneil Noronha for 27 off 15 deliveries. Macneil Noronha's superb over ended the powerplay, with the Hubli Tigers were at 52/2.

Mangalore Dragons celebrate after winning the Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 in Mysuru on Thursday.

From then on in, Shrijith ensured he kept the scoreboard moving at his end, whilst the middle-order were given the license to attack. Karthikeya KP (8), Ritesh Bhatkal (13) and Abhinav Manohar (17) got starts, but could not hang in there.

Brief scores: Hubli Tigers: 154/8 in 20 overs (MD Taha 27, KL Shrijith 52; Macneil Noronha 2-25, Sachin Shinde 3-30, Shreevathsa Acharya 2-30) lt to Mangaluru Dragons: 85/2 in 10.4 overs (Sharath BR 49; Ritesh Bhatkal 2-14) by 15 runs via VJD Method.

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